

Wireless Listener's League of Tasmania

Report for Country Members

The League was formed on January 25th 1927 with a total membership of 35 the whole of whom resided in Hobart this number has now increased to 250 members residing in the following districts.

Hobart and Suburbs, Longford, New Norfolk, Wynyard, Ross Ledgerwood, Devonport, Derby, Telita, Campbell Town, Bothwell, Waterloo, Oatlands, Melton Mowbray, Scottsdale, Triabunna, Maria Island, Conara, Forcett, Cradoc, Burnie, Winnaleah, Glenora, Studley, Deloraine, Port Cygnet, Grove, Huon, Ouse, Penna, Kettering, Cambridge, Sheffield, Kingston, Richmond, St. Kilda and Pascoe Vale, Victoria.

In January 1927 after many broken promises, the local station, 7ZL promised that a new station was to be opened almost immediately, but this event did not eventuate until some months later, and had not been for the continued activity of this league it is doubtful whether it would have been in operation at the present time.

Crystal control of the station which promised but, although repeated representations have been made to the management and the P.M.G's Department the crystals have not yet been to install.

The poor quality of the programmes and bad transmission has also been bought under the notice of the authorities, but little improvement ~~has been~~ shown. This matter is not being allowed to rest and from reports ~~received~~ it is expected that a considerable improvement will be evident in the near future.

The as a result of representations made by this League, the Royal Commission of Wireless visit Tasmania. Members of the League is, attended and gave evidence, who which will have a certain bearing on the future doings in regards to radio in Tasmania.

Efforts will later convince the Commission that a reallocation of wave lengths were essential, and that a fixed clearance in frequency separate each of these stations. This was mentioned in the report of the Royal Commission, which was recently published, and will, in all probability, be acted upon in the near future.

Other of matters were dealt with by members were:-

Scheme for a abolishment of license fees

Limited range of stations

Issues of dealers Licenses to bona- fide traders only

Concerning publication of unsuitable circuits

Reallocation of wavelengths

Lighthouse Wireless and a continuous service from the Commercial Station V. I. H. Hobart.

The appointment of a competent Radio Inspector

Circulars were forwarded to listener's in various districts asking for suggestions to place before the Royal Commission.
It is to be regretted that this privilege was not availed of more freely by Listener's

Efforts were made to convince the Tasmanian government to take over the control broadcasting in the island, but as only one "A" class station was allowed in this state, the matter was allowed to drop.
Should the present station through no reason, close down the Government will gain be approached and requested to erect a station centrally situated, so as to give a service to listeners in all parts of the State.

A large volume of correspondence has passed between the League and the Postmaster General's Department, Melbourne, during the year. In almost every instance the questions that were asked brought an evasive reply.

Matters dealt with were:-

Crystal control of 7 ZL.
Poor programmes
Bad transmission
Short broadcasting hours
Inability to hear at any distance from Hobart
Cancellation of license
Reduction in license fees
Abolishment of license fees
Special Zone, as regards license for Tasmania
Interference by Commercial Station V. I. H.
Variations in wavelength of 7 ZL.

Technical advisers were appointed during the year for the purpose of attending to inquiries of members. Many have availed themselves of the service, and according to reports have received satisfactory results. Members are invited to get in touch with the Secretary if in trouble. Advice and diagrams are issued free of charge.

A deputation awaited on the chief Radio Inspector Mr Martin, who visited Hobart during the year. Sound evidence which placed before him, pointing out that the local station was not providing a satisfactory service etc.

The deputation was informed that no monies would be handed over until a satisfactory service was provided, but despite this fact certain monies were paid over, but the service was just the same.

Complaints have from time to time being received from country and city members re an interference on 3 LO's wavelength. Investigations proved that this was caused through a hetherodyne between J.O.A.K and 3 LO Melbourne. the matter was brought under the notice of the authorities and the trouble was immediately rectified.

Lectures were given by several members during the year, but it is regretted that no record was kept of most of them.

Attached is a paper by Mr N. A. Skinner on Accumulators which may be of interest.

A paper prepared by the Postmaster General's Department on Radio Induction Interference is attached.

The League will be glad to receive suggestions at any time from members of the conditions existing in different districts. It is in this matter that every member can assist to obtain a general improvement.