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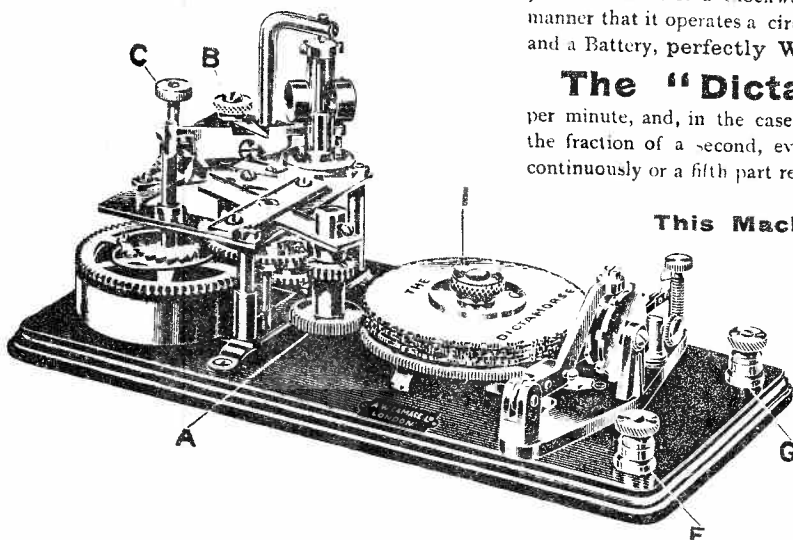
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EDITORIAL by Ken Kirkman VK7ZKT

This months QRM consists mainly of reports from Branch AGM's, Divisional news, WICEN reports etc as it is that time of the year again where the previous year's committees pass on their reports and hand over to the new. It is the time to either re-commit oneself or to hand over to another. For myself I pass QRM onto the next Editor, owing to committments to house alterations and also an anxious XYL.

If QRM is needing an Editor in 12 months time then I most certainly will nominate for the job,as I have found the production of this magazine to be a most satisfying occupation. Yet I must admit it is frustrating in trying to coerce articles from you the readers,which one could interpret as a lack of interest in QRM,but I do'nt think that is true,.. or is it ?. This magazine is the best medium of communication to all members,whether they are able to attend meetings,listen to broadcasts or not, and after all is'nt communication what Amateur Radio is all about. Well worth supporting.

The problems with printing should be alleviated for the time being as I believe that the off-set printer is again functioning and this issue should be back to normal. On behalf of the Northern Branch I would like to thank Joe Richter for giving up his own time to print QRM and also to Reg Emmett, without whose cooperation this would'nt be possible. Also to all who helped with the collating, stapling, wrapping,etc each month.

I wish all of you an enjoyable year ahead,and one that sees the achievements of your goals.

73 Ken

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VHF NOTES by Joe VK7JG

Over the past two weeks we have experienced very good inversions across the "Strait" on Tuesday night, 19th February. Peter VK7BQ received four ATV transmissions from VK3. Byron, VK7BD mobile on King Island was heard working via VK5 and VK3 repeaters as well as thru VK7RAA on several days.

The inversion was so ~~vast~~ that Hobart stations were working into the mainland repeaters. VK3ZFI mobile near the VK2 border could be heard on repeater reverse.

Six metres has been very quiet, with only one or two brief openings to the mainland, although on Sunday the 17th, faint JA signals were heard after the broadcast. The band may have been open earlier but I have had no reports of any activity.

Do'nt forget the equinox period, as conditions should be better than last year when W6 was worked from VK7. The best times for operation was around 0830 local time. Use 28.885 MHz as a liason frequency and by listening on this frequency you will soon find out what has been, or is happening on the 6 metre band.

Best of luck

73 Joe Gelston VK7JG

SOUTHERN BRANCH NOTES by Sue VK7ZSU/NSU

The A.G.M. of the Southern Branch for 1980 has been held and the following is a complete list of Office Bearers ;

President	Barry 7NBA
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Treasurer	Peter 7NPV
Assistant Treasurer	7NKV
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Equipment Store Sales ..	ZEA: Purchases ZPA, disposals ZXX
Historian	7ZSU
QSL Officer	Bill 7NWR
Librarian	Lloyd 7BF
Publicity	to be combined with President's office.
QRM Southern Correspondent.	Sue 7ZSU
Repeater Committee	7RR, SS, AW, ZDF.
Beacon	Allan Ruthven 7ZPA

New members are Les, 7LS (rejoining) and 7NJX - Jeremy Smutzy. Welcome to you both!

At this meeting the present problems as regards the Amateur Advisory Committee were discussed at great length and a vote that the Southern Branch support the status quo was carried by a large majority. This topic will be further pursued at the next meeting - so bring along your ideas.

Other topics for discussion include the store and the library.

The store in its present format appears very cumbersome and time consuming, so suggestions as to how it can be improved would be appreciated - as were whether it should be done away with entirely. A list will be published in a later QRM of store contents. (provided they both still exist!!!)

The library is very much out of date and is of value largely as a collection of antique volumes on radio construction. The library will be coming to the next meeting, so suggestions please, for updating: eg. donations of old magazines and books.

SOUTHERN BRANCH NOTES (cont)

The Treasurer will be presenting some facts and figures as to how much our money (safely) could be earning : at present - zero. So come along and have your say in how to utilise it more effectively.

Following the meeting, it is anticipated a talk will be given by Brian Brand from SES, which should be very interesting.

The A.G.M. of State Council is to be held in Hobart this year, and notice of meetin times will appear elsewhere in QRM.

The dinner is being held on Saturday the 15th of March (7.30 PM) at the C.W.A. Rooms off Criterion St.; these can be reached through the car park opposite, and being catered for by the C.W.A. ; and we all know how well these ladies can cook!!

There are the grand total of three couples from the North and North West Branches so far attending this dinner, which is extremely dissapointing to the Southern Branch, and particularly to those organising the dinner.

The next General Meeting of the Southern Branch is on Wednesday the 5th of March at the SES rooms, starting time 8.00 p.m.

The next Executive meeting is on Wednesday the 19th of March, starting time 7.30 p.m. ; at the QTH of Helene VK7HD.

Sue VK7ZSU/NSU

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NORTHERN BRANCH / NORTH WEST BRANCH MINI-HAMFEST March 23rd.

The mini-hamfest this year is hosted by the Northern Branch. This probably means it's the Northern Branch's turn to win the cricket match ; or is it? Due regard is to be paid to the state of the TIDE this year as it is very difficult to hit the ball when it becomes a submarine. For those who do'nt understand the joke, Port Sorell has a fairly shallow foreshore and when the tide comes in it covers about a hundred feet in half an hour and last year we had to keep shifting the pitch until eventually we ran out of beach. It was almost a disaster area but good fun for all.

Remember the date, Sunday the 23rd. of March commencing at about lunch time where we usually have a BBQ. Plenty of games for the kids and some for the big kids as well. See you there.

WICEN STANDARDS FOR AERIAL AND BATTERY CONNECTIONS

by Andrew Boon (VK7AW)

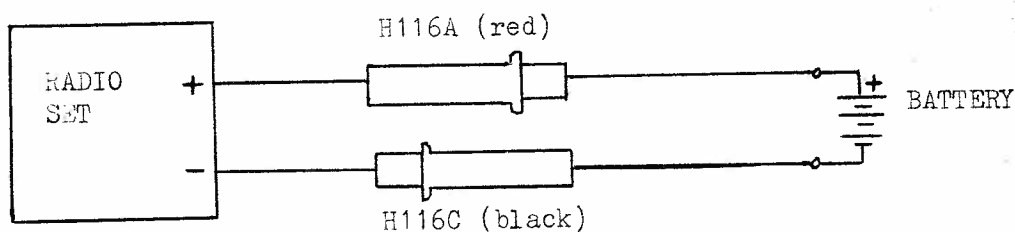
In line with recommendations of the Technical Sub-Committee of the State Disaster Communications Planning Committee (on which I represent Telecom Australia and WICEN, respectively), the following are the connections which should be used on equipment of WICEN volunteers.

AERIAL The radio set antenna connector shall be a UHF socket (S0239). An adaptor or patch cord should be available if the set is not fitted with a UHF socket. Antenna feedlines should be terminated in a UHF plug (PL259).

BATTERY Both positive and negative battery lead shall include an in-line power fuse, black in the negative lead (Utilux type H116C) and red in the positive lead (Utilux type H116A). The positive lead from the radio set shall terminate on the long barrel section of the fuse-holder, and the negative lead from the radio set shall terminate on the short mating section of the black fuse-holder (see Diagram).

The advantages of standard aerial connections are obvious. By using the same type of fuseholders in the battery leads, any type of set can be interchanged with any other, regardless of the actual type of power plug, merely by breaking the leads at the fuse-holders. Ensure that plenty of spare fuses are on hand. The largest size wire that will fit the H116 fuse-holders is 6 mm auto cable.

By the way, for those owners of IC-2S transceivers, a Utilux dispenser pack, code H9394/D1, contains a power plug and a matching line socket. The plug should be available separately, but the price of the set is only \$0.70.



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NORTH WEST NOTES by Jim VK7NOW

The usual monthly meeting of the branch was held on Feb. 12th. The meeting commenced with the A.G.M. with 30 in attendance and there were 3 apologies. The Secretary read the minutes of the last A.G.M. held in Lakins Hall, Ulverstone; which included election of officers for the year 1979-80. The minutes were confirmed.

Address by the President : The President outlined the change of the headquarters from Ulverstone to the modern facilities at the Penguin High School. He also emphasised how the Minister for P & T, Mr. Staley is in favour of DE-REGULATION ; which is appreciated by all members. He urged all members to work together for the benefit of all amateurs especially members of the North West Branch. It was also mentioned that, with the organizing of TARC '80, it will give our Branch a chance to show the rest of the State what we can do. The full text of the President's address is given elsewhere in QRM.

Treasurer's Report : Ivan VK7NOA/ZOA gave the meeting a full report on finance. The Balance sheet was adopted.

Beacon and Repeater Report : Tony VK7AX gave the report. Ivan VK7ZOA was thanked for having this equipment on his property. Tony advised that several members are working on the proposed ATV Repeater with Graham VK7AQ in charge of technical work. An average of 15 members have attended the various ATV meetings. Tony advised that it was a most enthusiastic group.

Q.S.L. Officer. Don VK7NDP advised that all was satisfactory.

ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS 1980 : 81

President	Peter Fudge VK7BQ
Vice President	Martin Fox VK7MM
Secretary	Joan Fudge
Treasurer	Bruce VK7NDY
Education Officer	John Webster VK7N ?
Wicen Co-ordinator	Bob VK7ZJS
Beacon and Repeater	Tony VK7AX
Activity Officer	Vince VK7NVH
B'cast Co-ordinator	Terry VK7TT
QSL Officer	Don VK7NDP
Liason and News	Tony VK7AX
QRM Correspondent	Jim VK7NOW

Close of A.G.M.

The following is a report of the monthly General meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting, activities and inwards and outwards correspondence were read by the Secretary, confirmed and adopted.

Membership Application : Jack Wright ; Devonport
Roy Davies ; Burnie (both associate)

Report from Management Committee of TARC 80 : Don VK7NDP reported that things are progressing well. This year's TARC could be the best yet. The theme is "Radio; Then, Now, What Next." The "Then" display by Jim, VK7NOW, will include a 1912 Telefunken Spark RX, 1912 De Forest Triode, W/W 1 signal lamp, 1924, 5 tube battery radio with horn and cone speakers with a handwritten letter from the engineer who designed it, plus a photo from Buffalo N.Y. showing the factory where it was made. Also , Early Flying Doctor Transceiver, W/W 2 Spy Radio and life boat beacon etc, Early AWA AC Broadcast receiver plus much more.

Council : The Chairman gave details of the last meeting in Hobart.

The Chairman : Read a letter from Bob VK7BY, regarding "The shabby treatment of some Amateurs within the Branch". The matter was fully discussed to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned.

General Business : The Chairman wished all those sitting for the next exam the best of luck. Jim VK7NOW, said he was happy with the 80 metre relay in taking the signal off 2 metres. Call backs came from all over the State and King Is. Soon the Broadcast is going to originate from the Club rooms on 2 Metres. This should be worth listening to. Relays are going to be taken off 2 metres and relayed on all the usual bands.

Correspondence : A letter was received from Don VK7NDH, advising that he was moving to VK4 and regretfully resigned from the Branch.

In concluding the notes, I would like to pass on to Ivan, VK7ZOA/NOA, many thanks on behalf of all members, for the excellent job he did as Treasurer during the period he had in office. It was regretted that this matter was overlooked during the course of the meeting.

A delicious supper concluded a very eventful meeting. This wraps it up for this month.

73 De Jim VK7NOW.

NORTH WEST BRANCH, TASMANIAN DIVISION W.I.A. PRESIDENTS REPORT for the YEAR 1979 - 1980

In this past year our Branch has seen some changes. The demolition of our former venue forced a change which has provided us with a sophisticated "home" and facilities which must motivate each of us to involve ourselves in group activities to our mutual benefit.

Far sighted members in the past gave us an excellent Division from the management viewpoint with our geographic Branches managing the local affairs, coordinated by a representative Council who, in turn represent us Federally. Such a system has merit in many ways, but the best system that can be offered cannot work without the involvement of the individual in positive ways.

The P&T leader, Mr. Staley, has shown a modern and enlightened lead to us by his approach of de-regulation, but we, as mature people, must have put aside narrow and restrictive views, and have, in fact opened our minds to the broader aspects of intent and fulfillment from our hobby by involvement with others, other license classes or simply, associates in our common activities.

We have progressively reduced unnecessary formality in our meetings and induced the Executive to perform its function and manage the Branch affairs while still maintaining communication to the members. We have been able to have far better input to Branch management from all members, the shy as well as the verbose during meetings, through the activity groups and simple conversation.

We must all put aside remaining negative or counter productive impulses and each of us be prepared to work together to put out as much as possible, on frequency with no spurs. In short put the effort of your brain and your arm at the disposal of the W.I.A. in general and the North West Branch in particular.

Last year we heard what you wanted of the W.I.A. and we have responded. Now we the W.I.A. need the involvement of increasingly more members to ensure a lively healthy group of activities to generate the co-operative and friendly climate Amateur Radio needs to prosper.

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North West Branch President's Report (cont)

Long range plans have been set, the site for which has been secured. The plans for a ATV repeater are well advanced and the FM section will need to be included in the near future.

Financially, we have finished the year with a small surplus in the operating account, (ie. funds derived from subscriptions) arising from HEC account savings and sale of call books. The most satisfying activity was the \$540 raised for the Capital account against an objective of approximately \$500. We are finishing the year in a satisfactory state of finance as follows ;

Reserve Account (interest bearing)	\$357.31
ADD from Operating Account	\$100.00
BALANCE	<u>\$457.31</u>
Operating Account (from subs)	\$222.68
LESS transfer to Reserve Account	\$100.00
BALANCE	<u>\$122.68</u>
Equipment Account (special effort)	\$590.33
LESS Camera Chain, etc.	\$453.00
BALANCE	<u>\$137.33</u>

It is unnecessary to thank you as a group for support of your Executive during the past year, because whatever any one of us has done has been for the whole group and many people have been involved.

During the coming year this involvement of many and hopefully all individual members within the limits of capacity, is most necessary to bring the whole group more tightly together. In this coming year we have the organization of TARC 80 to give us all the chance to participate.

Just a final reminder; As with anything worthwhile, you can only expect to get out of it what you are prepared to put in.

Peter Fudge VK7BQ



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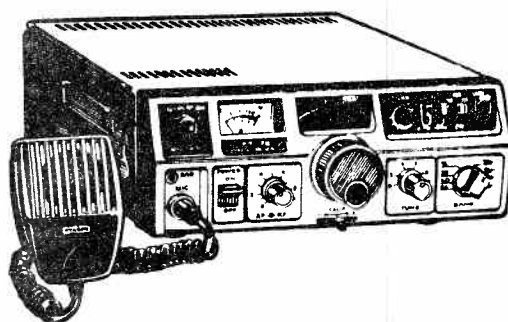
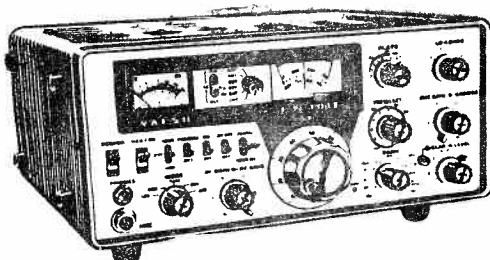
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AMATEUR EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES



The first meeting of the committee for 1980 was held on the 23rd of February. Those present were :

Wayne Huxley	Chairman	P.&T.
John Grace	VK7ZJG	W.I.A.
Derek Logan	VK7DL	W.I.A.
Sue Morgan	VK7ZSU	W.I.A.
Peter Frith	VK7PF	W.I.A.
Ed Hewens	VK7HE	Non member WIA

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Minutes from VK3 and VK4 meetings were also read. There was one item in business arising from the minutes ; The Superintendent is to be asked to take up with the Superintendent of another State the matter of the consistent breach of regulations by an Amateur operator station in his State.

Points of note from VK3 minutes were cases of bad language, unauthorised use of repeaters, unauthorised replay of tape recordings and 147 - 148 MHz interference. From VK4, action has been taken reference operation in the 28 MHz band by an operator from another service.

The latest set of conditions for the operation of 2 metre and 70 cm repeaters was read for information. The clause reference "means to turn off" has been relaxed.

Some discussion took place regarding the Constitution governing operation of the committee. The Chairman agreed that these notes could be used to convey to W.I.A. members the working of the committee as long as they did not prejudice action about to be taken. He also said that visitors would be allowed at meetings with his prior approval.

The next meeting is scheduled for 14th April at 2 PM.

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VK7 QSL BUREAU ANNUAL REPORT by Chas Harrison VK7CH

The number of cards handled during the year has shown a further substantial increase, comparative figures for the last three years being :

	Outwards	Inwards	Total
1977	8,054	7,413	15,467
1978	15,133	14,021	29,154
1979	24,002	23,357	47,359

The sticker system, introduced last July, is operating quite satisfactorily, and nearly 10,000 were distributed at the time of the changeover in exchange for balances held.

Due to the larger number of cards per packet, average postage per card has dropped from 1.38c to 1.2c. This has further strengthened our financial position and we will have no worries in meeting the rise in postal charges.

There have been a few instances of oversized cards which have had to be cut down to size, so remember when getting cards printed to see that they are no larger than 140 by 87 mm, preferably smaller.

My thanks to the Branch QSL Officers, Col Wright, Don Purton and Bill Read for their assistance and cooperation during the year, and also to those who send in batches of cards all correctly sorted. To those few who forget to do this, it does help however few you may have.

Chas Harrison QSL Manager

Since this is the first formal WICEN Annual Report for a number of years, I will briefly outline events and activities since the WICEN organisation was rejuvenated, starting with June 1978.

At that time the W.I.A. was asked to attend a seminar on Search and Rescue Communications, and the inaugural meeting of the State Disaster Communications Planning Committee, set up by the State Emergency Services. The previous State WICEN Coordinator, W7RR, delivered a paper at the S.A.R. Seminar (organised by the Postal and Telecommunications Dept.), and I attended the S.D.C.P.C. meeting, initially as Assistant Coordinator. The S.A.R. Seminar was mainly concerned with the problems of communications between air and sea, also air and land, but the capabilities of amateur radio operators was explained to the relevant authorities.

The SDCPC has been meeting at regular intervals since June '78, and has recently completed the Communications sub-Plan of the State Disaster Plan. The bulk of this Plan is taken up with a complete list of the communications resources of the various bodies represented. It is interesting to note that WICEN is the only non-Government organisation represented on the Committee, and the WICEN section of the Plan describes the organisation, functions, contact points, equipment, frequencies and modes available.

During 1979 WICEN became very strong in the Southern area. At the present time we have twenty one registered members and about fifteen of these have taken part in exercises during the year. Two exercises were conducted: the first to provide back-up communications for the Boy Scout Regatta at St. Helens in May; the other was in the Lakes Pedder and Gordon area in October with the Police Search and Rescue unit. An experiment was also conducted to determine the propagation of 160 metre signals in caves, in conjunction with the Police S.A.R. unit and the Southern Caving Society, in December. Finally a field day was held at South Arm to give the portable equipment (including RTTY) a good workout.

As a general comment, two things can be said about these exercises: firstly, that all who took part in them enjoyed themselves (it is only a hobby!), and secondly, that a lot was learned about equipment and techniques, and how these could be applied to best effect in an emergency. Five individual amateurs have assembled complete stations into a rugged "box" capable of being taken into the field as a self-contained unit. The boxes contain an HF SSB transceiver, HF antenna tuning unit, 146 MHz FM transceiver, 240 VAC - 12 VDC power supply, and even a 12 V light. Combined with the 9 metre portable aluminium masts, which support an inverted-V HF dipole and a 146 MHz ground-plane or co-axial dipole, a complete HF/VHF station can be operational within 10 minutes.

Portable two-metre repeaters, assembled from mobile transceivers, have been developed and tested, and five sets of patch cords and modified transceivers are now available. The complete details will be revealed in a forth-coming article in "Amateur Radio". Battery lead and aerial connector conventions have been agreed upon, and work is continuing on construction of a patch system from HF to VHF and vice versa. There is also some experimentation being carried out with 160 metre transceivers, following the encouraging results of the joint exercise. At this stage it appears that we may be able to provide radio communications underground in some situations.

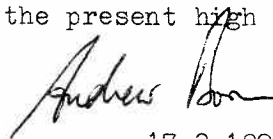
The Police S.A.R. Section has contacted the employers of Southern members and obtained agreement for release of personnel if required in an emergency.

In the other areas of the State, the Northern Branch conducted three WICEN exercises, two associated with car rallies run by the Light Car Club, and one with the mini-Olympics run by the St. Georges School Parents and Friends Association. Six amateurs from Launceston registered with WICEN (by returning the questionnaire) and hopefully 1979 will be seen as the beginning of a strengthening of WICEN in that area.

Apart from some monitoring of the Lake Pedder exercise by individual amateurs, there has been no WICEN activity in the North-Western area.

Looking to 1980, there are three things which I would like to see occur. The first is the commencement of WICEN activities, field exercises and related technical activity, in the North-Western area. While the response to the questionnaires was not very good, I know that there are many N.W. members interested in WICEN, and I hope that the activities of the Southern group in 1979 will give them some ideas to start off with. Secondly, the interested members in the North must become a more active and identifiable group. And finally, on a State-wide scale, I hope that some formal training in WICEN procedures, based on the syllabus prepared by the Federal Coordinator, will commence.

In conclusion I would like to thank the WICEN Coordinators who have assisted me during the year, and all those members who have participated in WICEN activities. I can only hope that they enjoyed the year as much as I did, and that we can arrange things in 1980 so that WICEN becomes even more effective, and the interest of members is maintained at the present high level.



17.2.1980

(P.S. W.I.C.E.N. : Wireless Institute Civil Emergency Network.....
providing a pool of trained, licensed operators, with equipment, available for deployment to aid communications in an emergency.)

TASMANIAN DIVISION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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(Presented at the Annual General Meeting 15th March 1980)

Looking back over the past year just completed, there are some matters worthy of mention.

WARC 79 has been and gone, and agreements made which are of concern to us in that we now can expect a period of consolidation. Our Institute is indeed fortunate in having such dedicated and excellent representation at a large international conference such as it was. To have men of skill in Radio, with ability of presentation, and the time to represent us, is indeed fortunate for us all. On behalf of this Division, I thank Michael Owen and David Wardlaw for their efforts.

The steady advance with WICEN preparations is also a matter of great credit. Planning and experimentation as regards the radio side of disasters has proceeded at a pace in the past few months. A lot has been learnt from the Amateur side, and many contacts made within the Disaster organisations, which can only stand us in good stead if our services are called upon in time of public need. The foundations have been laid and now the building can really go ahead.

I record the passing of several old-timers during the past year. Jack, VK7JB, Crosby, VK7CW, Bert, VK7BI, and Merv, VK7CL have all left us. We do however welcome many newcomers to Amateur Radio. Some have gained calls for the first time and some have up-graded.

Band conditions have not been as good as the experts were claiming they would be. Perhaps the high solar flux count is not the only element in providing good conditions for us. Nevertheless many achievements are now in the log books, and we look forward with great anticipation the year to come.

Our Division did well in the R.D. Contest for 1979. Participation, the objective of the contest was high in VK7. We hope to do a little better in 1980 and come out on top.

Our Institute is mostly conducted by volunteers. We would be able to achieve more if we had paid staff, but then the subscriptions to the Institute would be higher. I feel that the wide and varied interests of so many Amateurs has been reasonably served by our volunteers. When one considers the Executives of the various Branches, the efforts on our behalf by our representatives on Federal Council, the time spent by Councillors merely in attending meetings of the Council, the efforts of Divisional Office-bearers such as the QSL Bureau, all these efforts add up to a great sum. Then add the efforts of those who bring us the Sunday broadcasts, they that teach those that wish to join our ranks and those who wish to up-grade, and to those who produce QRM magazine and then distribute it. All this voluntary effort contributes something to the totality of our hobby.

We have some challenges coming in the future. I would like to specify some of these challenges, not necessarily in order of priority.

1/ Your coming Council and the Federal body will be engaged in translating the decisions of WARC 79 into actual terms. I can assure you that the interests of all will be pursued in seeking the maximum benefits for our hobby arising out of WARC 79.

2/ The handing on of knowledge to those coming on is a feature of our activities. This work has lasting results and helps maintain and develop our hobby. To those who have this unique ability to educate the untutored and to add knowledge to those who have begun to learn, I give my personal congratulations.

3/ Work on the new Handbook for Guidance of Amateurs is proceeding. It is to be hoped that this handbook will soon be in print for the benefit of us all. There are still some areas where as an Institute we have not

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3/ (cont) yet gained our point, but we are still hoping for a satisfactory resolution of these areas of difference.

4/ I have noted with pleasure the extent to which experimental construction is taking place around the Division. I feel that there has been an upsurge in this area over the past year. Keep up the good work.

5/ The use of modes other than the normal SSB and CW has increased noticeably over the past year and with this experimentation and consequent use of our allocated spectrum, must enhance the knowledge of those involved, as well as justify the retention of our allocations.

6/ The "Tasmanian Devil" award is underway, and the application for Certificate no.1 is already lodged. This is our Divisional award, so we encourage you all to participate in publicising it. Keep the Awards Manager busy.

7/ TARC 79 was a great success when it was held in Launceston. The North Western Branch has accepted the job of running TARC 80 for the Division. We do not wish TARC to be a competition between Branches. I would feel that each Branch has something different to contribute when it's turn comes along to undertake TARC, and that something different keeps me personally each one as it comes along.

In concluding my report this year, I thank the Councillors for their enormous voluntary efforts over the past year. Much detailed work goes into keeping our Division running, and it is this regular attention to detail by so many, that keeps the services of this Division coming along. I hope for as much solid continuing success and progress in the coming year, and wish the new Council peaceful co-operation, so that the three Branches of our Division can continue going forward.

Ian A. Nichols, VK7ZZ
Divisional President

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FEDERAL COUNCILLOR REPORT

by Reg Emmett VK7KK

The Federal Councillor as a member of the W.I.A. Federal Council is our link between the W.I.A. Federal organisation and our State Divisional Council.

While members are kept in touch with Federal activities via "Amateur Radio" magazine and Federal broadcast tapes, a constant flow of written material is also received. This is passed onto members via Divisional Council members or broadcasts as appropriate.

WARC 79 certainly filled the year and regular bulletins received during its course allowed members to keep in touch with its progress. Other matters which have received attention included a draft Amateur Advisory Constitution, new handbook draft and channel O, 5A problems.

Probably the most encouraging aspect of the year was the realization of the high regard in which the W.I.A. is held by the Minister for P&T Mr. Staley, and top P&T Central Office personnel.

DIVISIONAL NOTES by Reg VK7KK

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING : A special general meeting will be held at the SES building, Melville St. Hobart at ;
..... 2 PM on the Saturday 15th of March

Business ; Notice of Motion: That the following clauses of the Articles of Association be altered as follows,

Clause 6A to read; The Council will consist of at least one Class A member from each Branch of the Division. In the event that no member is nominated from a Branch, the President of that Branch or his nominee, shall for the time being, become automatically elected to the Council.

Clause 6B ; (a) delete "not being a Novice".
(b) delete
(c) delete
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held at the SES building, Melville St. Hobart at the conclusion of the Special General Meeting on Sat 15th March.

AGENDA ; 1/ Adoption of minutes of 1979 AGM.

2/ Election of Divisional Council

3/ Election of Divisional Officers ; Patron, QSL Manager, Legal Officer, VHF Officer, OSCAR Coordinator and WICEN Coordinator.

4/ Nomination of Mr. Max Ives, VK7MX for "VK7 Merit Award".

5/ Motion to amend the Articles of Association... That Article 30 be revised to read as follows ; "Associate members be entitled to vote at Branch meetings but not entitled to vote at General Meetings nor shall they be eligible for election or appointment to Council except as ex officio members.

The General Meeting will follow the AGM.

STATE NEWS ; February's Council meeting was held at Peter Fudge's, VK7BQ, QTH at Ulverstone. Council is continuing to negotiate with the Northern Branch to continue to subsidise the supply of "QRM" to all members. At present a figure of \$1.45 per member per year is under consideration.

The first application for a "Devil" award has been received. Remember that this can now be publicised.

Problems with the operation of the Amateur Advisory Committee were also discussed. This year's Committee is ; Ed Hewens VK7HE

Peter Frith VK7PF

Sue Morgan VK7ZSU/NSU

John Grace VK7ZJG

Don Logan VK7DL

Members are reminded that if you change your membership grade and/or call sign and require a new membership certificate, a note (and 30c stamp) to the Secretary will allow the forwarding of a new certificate.

Federal Councillor ; only one nomination received for the position of Federal Councillor and is Brian Morgan VK7RR. The Alternate Federal councillor position filled by Reg Emmett, VK7KK.

DIVISIONAL NOTES (cont)

COUNCIL ELECTIONS : The ballot paper below is to be lodged with the Secretary by the start of the A.G.M. on March 15th or can be posted to P.O. Box 1010 Launceston 7250 by that date.

Directions ; 1/ Only grade A members (license holders) may vote.
 2/ Place the completed ballot paper in a plain envelope which is then placed in another envelope on which your call sign and signature is shown.
 3/ Vote for 8 (eight) candidates, by placing a cross adjacent to the name. (* signifies retiring members)

- ☐ A. BOON VK7AW
- ☐ P. DOWD VK7NPR
- ☐ *R. EMMETT VK7KK
- ☐ *G. JOHNSON VK7GD
- ☐ I. LING VK7ZOA
- ☐ B. MORGAN VK7RR
- ☐ *I. NICHOLS VK7ZZ
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- ☐ *P. WAGNER VK7ZEA/NEA
- ☐ *P. WALLER VK7PA

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EDUCATION SERVICES REPORT by Reg Emmett VK7KK

Again this year, there has been an increasing tendency for outside organisations to be responsible for Amateur Radio classes. Novice classes are held by Technical Colleges in Launceston, Burnie and Devonport and the Adult Education Board sponsors groups in Hobart, Huonville, St. Marys and Launceston.

With the advent of a syllabus for the AOCP, and its examination now multi-choice, all that remains to remove most of the would-be Amateur's frustrations is the promised streamlining of P.and T. paperwork.
 Thanks to all those who continue to assist.

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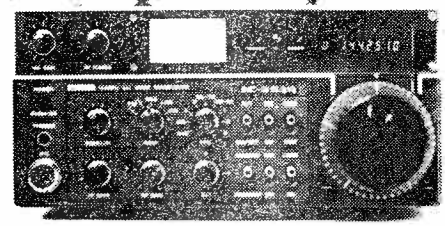
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