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GENERAL MEETING.

The next General Meeting of The Tasmanian Division of The Wireless Institute of Australia will be held on the first Wednesday in January 1962, i.e. January 3rd. at 2000 hrs. PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE. The same Wednesday in the month as usual; notwithstanding the holiday period.

LECTURE.

The Lecture at the January Meeting will be a demonstration of an imported Communications Receiver. The demonstration will be given by Mr. John Manly, of Homecrafts, who will no doubt be pleased to answer any questions. Visitors of course will be welcome as usual. ONE AND ALL, COME ALONG, and see 1962 off to a good start with attendances at the General Meetings.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES.

THESE WILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

20th. JANUARY 1962.

Your Fund Raising Committee has organized an evening for this date, to be held at Somerlees Farm, halfway between Fern Tree and Kingston, commencing at 2030 hours. Admission is Ten Shillings (10/-) per head. For this price, all liquid refreshments will be provided, but you will need to bring along something to cook over the fire for supper. Cups, coffee, and tea will be provided.

This event is NOT restricted to Institute Members only so organize a party, bring them along and MAKE THE EVENING A GREAT SUCCESS. No time limit for departure has been set down, the only restriction is that cars MUST enter by the main gate and leave by the subsidiary gate, so as to keep annoyance to the residents nil. Dancing will be available with music from a radiogram, so bring along your XYL, your girl friend, or both.

P L E A S E let your Committee know in plenty of time that you are coming, and also how many will be in your party, so that adequate liquid refreshments can be ensured.

3rd.

3rd. FEBRUARY 1962.

Following the February General Meeting, the Fund Raising Committee proposes to conduct an Auction of donated equipment. Bring along and give to the Institute any surplus gear you have around the shack so that it can be turned into money for the benefit of our future Club Rooms.

SCRAP.

The Fund Raising Committee proposes to sell all scrap on hand after the Jan. General Meeting. If you have small quantities bring it along to the Club Rooms at this Meeting. If you have a large bulk of scrap metal, let the Committee know so that arrangements can be made to pick it up from your QTH. Scrap rags are also very acceptable, the Committee can dispose of it very profitably.

Unfortunately, recent efforts of the Fund Raising Committee have not met with the support from Members of which they are deserving. Remember that when our Club Rooms become a reality, you will benefit from them as much as the Members who do give their support to these functions. Nothing is more discouraging than to put a lot of time and effort into organizing these functions, (or anything else for that matter) and then to have only a handful of Members attending. At the last function there were actually more visitors present than Members of the Institute, which state of affairs, you will agree, is pretty - er - - poor. The following extract from QST may serve to illustrate the point I am trying to make.

When the members of a club are active, it can be a smooth running enjoyable organisation. But let us suppose one member says to himself, "No one will miss me, so I'll stay home and watch TV."

So he starts skipping club meetings, and the club has to limp along with one less member. Of course, the club can get by without him, but this means one of the remaining members has to double up and do twice as much work as before.

Well, suppose then that one more member decides to give up his share of club activities. Now this means that two other members have to do double duty.

If a third member drops out, then if the others have to work harder than ever.

A fourth drops out, and now more of the remaining members are required to work harder than ever. Now, if enough of the club members leave in this way, the club is being run by only a few members, and it is likely to fail.

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So if you are a member of a club, support its activities and attend its meetings, because when one member misses one meeting, the club misses him.

ELECTION FOR FEDERAL COUNCILLOR 1962-63.

Included in this Bulletin is a Ballot Paper for the election of the Federal Councillor for this Division. The Ballot will close on Saturday, Jan. 20th. next, at 1800 hrs. Send your Ballot Paper D I R E C T to the Returning Officer, Mr. J. Brown, VK7BJ, 12 Thirza St. NEW TOWN.

DO NOT SEND THE PAPER TO THE DIVISIONAL BOX No. and do not let the number of votes received be governed by "leaving it to some one else to do". Or it will be like the previous paragraph.

S. W. L. Group.

It has reluctantly been decided by the S. W. L. Group Members to discontinue their Meetings, at least for the time being. This has been brought about by the poor attendance at the Group Meetings over the past few months. Possibly the Group will be revived later on if there is going to be anyone interested. No doubt Group Members will be keeping in touch with one another through their present Secretary, Mr. Mike Jenner.

V. H. F. Group.

Very little to report as Dec. meeting has not taken place at time of writing.

6-Mx.

This band has proved to be up to expectations - some quite good openings to date. Much more activity, both locally and interstate, is noted. 1800 hrs. seems to be a common time for openings to VK2 and VK4. First good opening was on Nov. 17th. with VK4 and Northern VK2.

Nov. 28th. VK2; and Dec. 4th VK4 stations.

The week-end beginning Friday 8th. Dec. was very good; opening to VK5 and Western VK3 on Friday evening; VK5 again throughout Saturday and VK2 on Sunday morning. Dec 11th. brought Sydney Stations at 9 plus

for over an hour with only VK7ZAL and VK7ZAV operating. Dec. 14th also good with VK2 & 4.

During above period VK2 have heard ZL and KH6.

2 Mx.

Our effort on Mt. Wellington on Nov. 19th. was very successful, 5 VK3 portable stations contacted and 4 Northern VK7 stations. No Melbourne stations were heard but we were heard by VK3ARZ; due to this fact we consider that contacts were via ground wave propagation.

VK7BQ was heard by VK7ZZ in Hobart on this day. VK7ZAI heard VK7DK at Poatina on Dec. 3rd and VK7BQ on 10th. Dec. so things seem promising for North-South contacts during the season.

VK3ZCG is keeping skeds on 2 Mx. every evening at 1930 hrs. with VK7LZ and other VK7' are invited to participate.

VK5ZDR (144.17) is beaming our way while keeping skeds with VK5AW every evening except Wednesday at 2030 hrs. E.A.S.T. At 2100 hrs. he works VK3NN.

As you know, no doubt, "Oscar" was launched on Dec. 13th. This is emitting CW identification "HI" on 145.0 Mc/s., no tracking data was available at time of writing. However it is no doubt worth listening on the frequency from time to time. Information of use to the organizers include the time of first hearing signal, (correct to 1 minute) time required for the transmission of ten "HI's", and the bearing of the beam every minute.

6 Mx.

VK3ALZ is interested to keep skeds with Southern stations- preferably capable of transferring to Mt. Wellington-but apparently there are no takers.

(Signed) R.K. Emmett. VK7ZA0.

NORTHERN and NORTH-WESTERN ZONES.

No information regarding activities in these Zones at time of writing.

OVER THE PAGE FOR THE BALLOT PAPER.

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(Tasmanian Division).

1. FOR FEDERAL COUNCILLOR vote for the Member of your choice by placing a cross opposite his name.

Voting for more than one will render your vote invalid.

2. DO NOT SIGN the Ballot Paper, but fold it and place it in an envelope.

SEAL IT and endorse it "BALLOT PAPER ONLY". Place your name on the back of the envelope, this is for checking purposes only and the envelope will be discarded before the Ballot Paper is unfolded.

3. In order for it to be included in the count, the Ballot Paper must be returned to the Returning Officer, 12 Thirza St. NEW TOWN.

BEFORE 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 20th. 1962. DO NOT send the Paper to the Divisional Box No.

(Signed) J. Brown.
Returning Officer.

CRUISE. E. J. VK7EJ.

Ø NICHOLS. I. A. VK7ZZ.

Ø Indicates retiring Member.

All the news for this month. Will have a technical article for next month, and, I hope, a little more time to spare, with the Xmas rush over.

K. E. Millin. VK7KA.

Hon. Secretary.