

Good sounds come from this band



DONNA MASSENA and her daughter Vickie carefully log each call made on their citizen's band radio that has earned a prominent place in the family's living room.

The Citizen's Band is not as it may sound, a group of frustrated local musicians but a set of radio frequencies made available for public use by Communications Canada.

In order to encourage the proper use of these valuable radio frequencies the Halton Hills Radio Club-Georgetown was formed last December.

Last summer there were only six licensed citizen's band radios operating in Georgetown, now there are over 40 with the total growing weekly.

The nickname "garbage band" has been given to the 23 channels that make up the citizen's band since the bulk of the conversations are personal and often resemble a party line telephone system.

provide instant radio communications for emergencies and other situations.

Specific emergency channels have been established for occasions where lives are at stake or the situation warrants priority. Channel nine (27,065 Megahertz) has been set aside for this purpose, and channel 13 for maritime use during the summer months.

"One of the advantages of CB is the fact you are never alone if your car is equipped with a mobile transceiver. Recently a driver passing through town noticed a slippery section of pavement and by using his radio reached a base (home) station which then notified the town works department. A truck was dispatched to eliminate the problem before an accident occurred."

"That is not the purpose of CB (Citizen's Band)," said Tom Massena, president of the Halton Hills Radio Club-Georgetown. "We are here to

output power exceeds 100 milliwatts and the antennas are longer than five feet from the top of the unit.

Walkie-talkies fall into the class of CB units since they operate on two of the channels within the citizen's band spectrum. The economy units available at retail stores are usually low-powered and are unlicensed if they will only operate on the recognized channels.

"Even though these units aren't very powerful they still are capable of being picked up by a base station and can jam those frequencies or cause interference on the adjacent channels."

The club has taken action to inform the public in proper use of these limited range transmitters by holding a walkie-talkie workshop in February. Instructions were given on the proper use of the Ten-code, which is designed to reduce the

on-air time by a short numerical code for common sayings, how to join in on a conversation already in progress, and how to sign off after completing a transmission.

Establish further standards for the use of walkie-talkies and CB receivers in the area. The club is now considering allocating one specific channel for use of the low power, fixed frequency walkie-talkies, in Georgetown.

"Licenses are easy to get for CB radios," added Mr. Massena. "Sometimes too easy. I would prefer to see a test devised before a license is granted."

Any Canadian citizen or landed immigrant can get a license by filing an application with Communications Canada and paying the fee of \$10. Although licensing is fairly easy, the penalties for abuse of the radio are severe and will result in heavy fines, im-

prisonment, or both, for those misusing the air-waves.

"If a base station responds to an emergency call by notifying the police or fire department when there is no emergency they are not responsible, but the person making the original transmission is subject to punishment by the law."

The club has already been active in community service by aiding in communications for the Jaycees' Crazy Boat Race and by providing radio dispatched transportation to the players that took part in the recent Bantam Hockey Tournament.

"We are preparing to handle an emergency," added Mr. Massena. "Lyle Wyntfield, one of the club members, has been preparing detailed maps of the area that would be used to coordinate a search if necessary."

had practical search experience when they took part in a search for an Etobicoke boy lost in Toronto.

Mr. Massena points out that there are presently over 32,000 licensed operating units in Toronto alone.

"Citizen's band is not expensive to get into," furbered Mr. Massena. "You can start at about \$150 dollars for a 23-channel unit or go on from there into the sideband units which expand the number of channels to 69, for about \$450."

The H.H.R.C. operations are equipped to provide instant radio communications for their community as well as promote efficient use of the radio channels. The members of the club dread the day when a search must be called off because the communications channels are jammed by CB abusers as was the case in Toronto.

Pet please

There seems to be so many things of interest for you to take advantage of, I hardly know what to put first. Nevertheless here goes.

This Friday, April 11 is the Legion \$1,000 Elimination Draw. I would urge you to pick up your ticket from our bar or our members immediately if not sooner, so you will have a chance to be a winner. Absolutely last call.

Next thing you must do to avoid being disappointed next spring, is to order your Golden Tulips this week. They will arrive at our Branch in the Fall in time for planting, so your garden will be extra special beautiful for next Springtime.

Tom Elliott urges all members, Imperial Members, Auxiliary Members, Pipe Band, A.C. Cadets, council members, businessmen, merchants and townspeople, their neighbors, friends and relatives to use the handy order form following my column to order the amount you require. They are 16 cents. A leading Dutch bulb grower has created and is cultivating these tulips in the Netherlands.

These special tulips, while marking the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion, remind us of our very special link with the Netherlands when so many of our comrades gave their lives. Please attach remittance with your order.

At the Auxiliary meeting on April 17, Les Egerton from the Contact Centre, will be our guest speaker re, "Homes for Youth". Try to attend and find out first hand the Centre's needs for this new project.

"A real sweetie." That's our "Pet Please" this week. "Tonya" is a nine-month old cross between a Golden Lab and an Irish Setter. She's red and gold in color. This gorgeous looking pet is very kind and is extremely good with children. Sort of the ideal family pet. In fact she's even house broken.

If you are interested in "Tonya" then the place to contact is the Halton Hills Animal Control Services. Drop in at their Limehouse office, 6 to 8 p.m., Monday to Friday or between 1 and 3 Saturday.

New Legion members initiated Saturday

By Roma Timpson

Four Auxiliary teams went to New Toronto to play Crib last Saturday. I knew we would have a top winning team, I just didn't know which team it would be. Marion Beattie captained the first place team and Doll Carter, Edie Bowman and Anne Nicholson were teammates. Hazel Dumper, Gretta Stoddard, Marion Carney, Jan Emerson were fourth and they will proceed to provincial finals in Acton on June 7. Nice going girls, we're proud of you. New Toronto, Pt. Credit were second and third.

Last Saturday afternoon 'Auctioneer Gordie King' made with the fast talk and Gordie Browne came up as the proud owner of our clubroom piano. Lloyd Boyd is the owner of our green padded bench. Thankyou Gord for a job well done.

I guess I don't live right. Last Friday evening I decided to stay home and, wouldn't you know, Fred Bootle entertained in the Lounge. As usual, he was terrific. I was told. However, I took myself down there on Saturday afternoon and was well rewarded as Fred was good enough to play and many patrons spent a pleasant afternoon. Thanks to Fred, Ken and Al, were to have played on Friday evening, but, due to circumstances far beyond their control, one was stranded in Montreal, so Fred stepped in on short notice and filled in for them.

Soft lights and taped music were the order of the night in the Lounge Saturday evening. And Wagstaffe played in the clubroom as the members were upstairs taking part in our membership-initiation night. It was a particularly fine evening and the initiation team were

flawless in their ceremony, as was the Color Party. Membership Chairman, Jack Timpson had a dozen new members for initiation.

Harry Savings, who always does a splendid job as initiation pres. took the oaths. Jim Collier first vice, who instructed our new members in the purposes and objects of the Legion, made us all aware of the fine organization we do belong to. The four beautifully framed colored pictures that the initiation team hold and explain to the new members—The Flag, The Poppy, The Torch and Our Badge—surely must be the envy of the zone along with our initiation team.

We danced to Pete Edge and his records, and had a scrumptious buffet. I knew before long that someone would come up with another dance and they did. Since we've mastered the 'Slosh' and 'Alley Cat' we are going on or back to bigger and better things, so look for the Palaise Glide next time you're down to the Lounge. Thanks to all who helped. Next membership-night-Oct. 18. New members come out and acquaint yourself with members and activities.

Our social to Erin was cancelled last Thursday due to the sudden appearance of our spring storm. Hopefully we can

arrange another night.

Had a post card from Bruce and Virde Collins and they said they were experiencing cold, blizzard weather out in Calgary. They didn't need to go that far, as we had the same right on our doorstep.

Summit Chairmen: Reports in by Saturday, please.

Art Stamp has asked Ormie Carter to give him a hand at visiting our sick comrades and Ormie has agreed to help. I am very pleased as I can't always get to the hospital and I don't like to think we have members that are missed while they are ill. Thanks a lot fellows. Harry Atkinson wasn't up to his usual 100 percent last week and we hope he is better now. Sam and Earl are still in hospital.

We hope the avid dart players are making good use of the dart boards on Saturday evenings now. This switching around of entertainment and mini-bings was to accommodate all members who wished to play darts and didn't have the space to do so.

Bazaar meeting this Thursday, April 10. Try to come down and help or work on your own contribution. Would another night suit you better? We will need enough for two

days, so don't let us down.

CAR CLUB WINNERS DRAW NUMBER 19

22, Robert Lockhurst; 153, Jean Reid; 55, R. Johnson; 368, W. Weir; 33, James Dickinson and 224, J. Johnson.

Joe Polidry mentioned to me last Sunday that he and all Imperial members have tickets for their June 6 Imperial Elimination Draw and you can buy them from either Joe or any Imp. member. Also that a 17-inch G.E. portable T.V. is going to be raffled off and you know you couldn't possibly win it if you don't buy a ticket on it. See the Imperial members in action again, folks, step right up and buy your winning tickets. Don't forget your fishing trip on the 26 of the month and take along your camera so we can have proof that you caught some 'really big ones'. None of this 'you should have seen the ones that got away' nonsense. Some tall tales should be told at your Sunday meeting.

I suggest that you check on the bulletin board for the actual time the bus will leave for Mount Dennis Saturday. Noon is a little early for some, so

rather than have them miss the day, entirely, we will leave a little later.

Nice going ladies.

Chuck Hennessey has kindly consented to do our front cover for our cook book. Be prepared for anything, you know Chuck. (Column this week by "Roma Rabbit". Dorothy Wright has made a rabbit for me because she thinks I'm a table hopper. Now folks, you know that isn't true. Don't you? Thanks Dot.)

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When thinking about outdoor planting times, Mr. McIntosh notes garden vegetables may be grouped into two general classes, the cool season crops which are most successfully grown when planted in the early spring and the warm season vegetables which produce best when grown during mid-summer.

Cool season crops may be planted as soon as the soil can be properly worked in the spring. These crops include peas, beets, cabbage, broccoli, carrots, spinach, lettuce, radish and onions. Many of these early season crops mature after a short season and can be followed by warm season crops planted as soon as the early crop is harvested.

Warm season crops must not be planted until after the danger of frost is past. These crops include beans, sweet corn, lima beans, squash, cucumbers, muskmelons, tomato, pepper and eggplant.

Crops such as beans and sweet corn may follow the cool season crops in the row.

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