

Hundreds listen as C B'ers habits, talk are raked over the coals

by Marg Alberts
Interest in the use of citizen band radios has soared to an all time high. Unfortunately, good operating procedures have sunk to an all time low, causing great concern to responsible radio operators.

At the invitation of the Huronia District G.R.S. Club, George Wilson, Authorization Supervisor at the Department of Communication in Toronto, addressed some 250 interested C.B. radio

operators from this area on February 22 at the Midland Secondary School, outlining how to use a C.B. radio properly and within the law.

Wilson opened the evening with a statement that was much appreciated. In the future, he said, the D.O.C. will once again issue the General Radio services Handbook, along with the Licenses. He handed out a number of these handbooks to people attending.

He outlined the history of radio. In the past he

said, there were only HAM amateur operators, and only some ships were equipped with radio. After the sinking of the Titanic it became compulsory for all seafaring vessels to carry radio communications aboard. An international body (I.T.U.) set forth rules and regulations. In addition, Canada and the U.S.A. have an agreement regarding all communication procedures.

The use of radio exploded during World War

2, resulting in more sophisticated radio equipment.

In 1962 the General Radio Service was introduced in Canada, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transport. In 1970, by Act of Parliament the Department of Communications was created. 500,000 operators

The General Radio Service mushroomed to today's over half a million licenced operators in Canada. Wilson reported that at the time the

D.O.T. introduced very few regulations, and he acknowledges that at present these regulations leave much to be desired. At date, in the area serviced by the Toronto office (XM 42), 55,385 licenses have been issued to date.

The Department of Communication readily admits that enforcement of the law on C.B. operators is totally inadequate. This is mainly due to the much too heavy workload for the 14 field workers and

he advised those at the meeting to start complaining to their member of Parliament, for he said, that's where your money goes, not to the D.O.C.

Secondly, C.B. radios are very low on the totem pole of the D.O.C. priorities and lastly, the well marked patrol cars do not help matters. Before they arrive in an area the C.B. "warning system" is at RED ALERT. Wilson advised the C.B.ers that they must do most of their own

policing in an effort to keep the airways clear.

Garbage talk

The D.O.C. representative strongly objected to the so called "C.B. talk". He questioned why proud Canadians blindly adhere to the "GARBAGE" that pollutes the airways in the U.S.A. and now also in Canada. In addition, although widely used, the D.O.C. frowns on the use of the 10-code. He outlined some of the infractions:

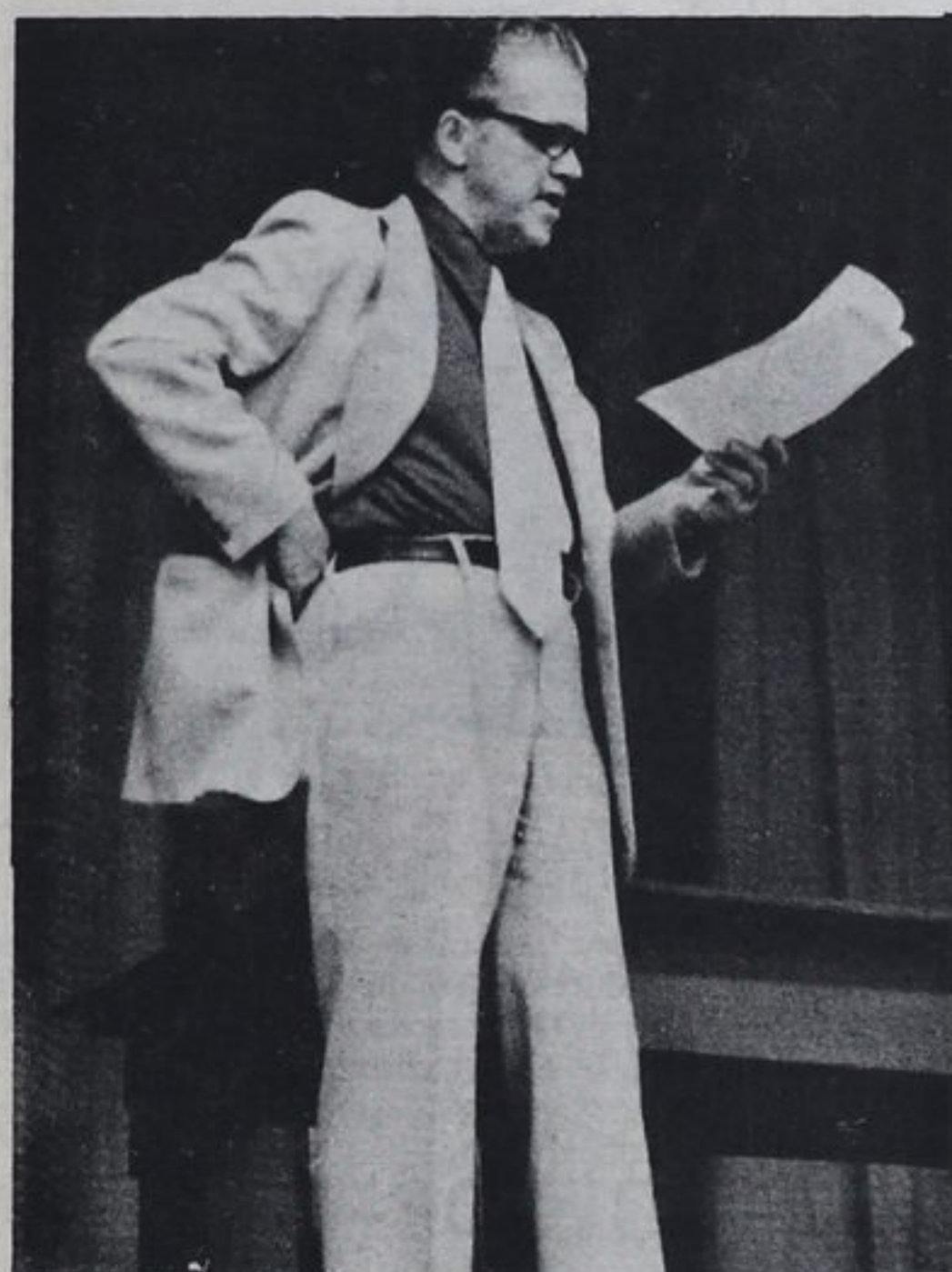
Failure to use call signs (XM numbers) at the beginning and end of each transmission. (handles are not acceptable); obscene and frivolous transmissions; illegal broadcasting; excessive communications; (allowable time is 5 minutes to be followed by 2 minutes radio silence); talking beyond the air limits (skip shooting); not having D.O.C. approved equipment or using a linear amplifier (boots), which can lead, upon conviction, to a fine of \$2,500, and/or a jail term of one year.

Wilson briefly touched on the subject of power mikes. Although not strictly illegal, it was his view that they are a nuisance and totally unnecessary. The often discussed 40 channel sets hopefully will relieve some of the congestion he stated, and due to stricter specifications, much of the annoying cross channelling should be eliminated.

On April 1, 1977 it will be legal to operate such a 40 channel set, providing

it displays a permanently attached D.O.C. approval number. July 1, 1977 is the date that it will be illegal to sell or buy a radio that had not previously been licenced and was built under the old specifications. A quick way to check if you are operating within the law, Wilson advised, is to look at the approval number the middle series should read 365.

After the lecture followed an animated question and answer period.



DOC. representative

George Wilson, Authorization Supervisor at the Department of Communication in Toronto addressed an enthusiastic audience of CB'ers at Midland Secondary School last week. While the Citizens' Band enthusiasts flocked to the presentation, not all of Mr. Wilson's discussion was pleasant. He discouraged the audience from filling the airwaves with "garbage".
Staff photo

Vasey Women's Institute to meet March 8

by Eleanor Edwards and Mrs. Harold Graham
Mr. and Mrs. John Isaac and Paul were in London to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Russell.

Mrs. George McLay returned home after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graham and family in Toronto. The Grahams spent the weekend here.

Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Melvern Isaac visited Mrs. Bell at the Bethany Lodge, Unionville and also called on other relatives in Toronto.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Painter and Lyle were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Marchment and Kevin of Toronto.

Mrs. Orval Edwards and her sister Mrs. Alex Spence have returned after spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Whetham of Anaheim, California.

The Vasey Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Willis Reynolds on Tuesday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m.

Barbara Wilson spent the weekend with her family Mr. and Mrs. Vic Wilson after a holiday last week in the Bahamas.

Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMullen of Grandview Beach visited with Mr. and Mrs. Clare McKeown. During the weekend the McKeowns visited relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smitham spent Monday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Mel McKeown of Bass Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Drury and family and Bernice Vasey of Barrie visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vasey on Sunday.

Mr. Armand Benke and boys of Windsor spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Benke and Andrew.

The Vasey U.C.W. are collecting used men's clothing, suits, pants, jackets and sweaters to pack a bale for the Fred Victor Mission. Articles may be left with Mrs. Frank Rumney or after March 6, at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Blain Edwards spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edwards after returning from a holiday in Los Angeles. Laurie and Lisa Edwards of Barrie, also spent the weekend at their grandparents.

Leslie Stewart is spending this week at her home here.

Mrs. Muriel Jones has returned home after spending the past week in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross McFarland visited Mr. and Mrs. Arley Whetham on Saturday to celebrate Mr. Arthur Reynolds eighty-eighth birthday that day.

The Vasey Happy Hostesses met on Monday evening with six members present and opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge. The discussion involved plans for Achievement Day on April 16, and suggestions and ideas for the display to be discussed at the next meeting. Leader Mrs. Darlene Robinson suggested ideas for the party which the girls are planning and they decided on a theme and the different types of invitation cards. Mrs. Ron Graham was present to demonstrate flower arranging with fresh and dried flowers.

Vasey UCW report

Nineteen members of the Vasey U.C.W. met at the home of Mrs. Fred Edwards on February 23. The Devotions were under the Stewardship committee, and Mrs. Mervin Russell read the scripture, Mrs. Fred Edwards gave the prayer and a reading was given by Mrs. Nelson Edwards called "Bow the Heart". A recording "Magnificent Love Affair" narrated by Roy Bonisteel and Dr. Moore, a former United Church moderator, was played.

The roll call "A verse with the word prayer in it" was well answered. The business consisted of a donation to the Simpresca Camp, and a letter from the U.C.W. Presbytery Conference sent by Rev. Frank Lockhart on the censoring of pornography.

A reply, signed by all the members will be sent in support of the petition. Lunch was served by Mrs. Manley Edwards, Mrs. Nathan Edwards and Mrs. Fred Edwards. Mrs. Jack Lidstone, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Toad, Victoria Harbour, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Brian Jones to Fruitland on Sunday to interview a perspective minister.

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