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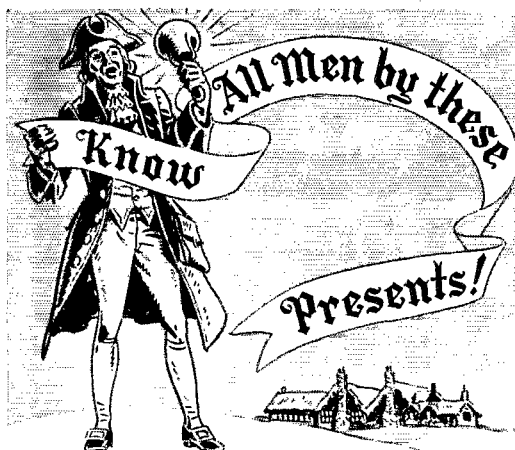
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parties? That is beyond my dim imagination. They serve absolutely no useful purpose, and clutter up those bands which are the avenues of communication.

I am sure you are aware of the overcrowded conditions of particularly our 75-meter 'phone and 80-meter c.w. bands, more so recently due to the exodus from the high-frequency bands, also the ever increasing number of amateurs. These communication bands need no exploration, nor do the amateurs who work them need introduction to each other. Then why do we have these parties? . . . If they were held say on 2½ and 5, also possibly the 10-meter band, they would create more interest in these spectrums, and at the same time relieve congestion where relief is most needed. These bands need exploration. Think this over.

. . . During the past two week-ends while the QRM parties were in session I was called upon with important traffic. In order to get these messages through correctly I was compelled to spend 55 minutes, which under ordinary circumstances should not have taken more than 5 minutes.

. . . This Sunday morning the Michigan Emergency Net tried to function in their weekly drill; they had to give it up for a bad job. O.P.S. QRM. This is a deplorable condition which must be corrected.

I like to see fellows enjoy amateur radio and get as much pleasure out of it as the art affords in rag-chews, etc., but these parties are not fun, nor are they funny. It is a serious proposition, with nothing to be gained.

. . . We should ban child's play in the exchange of a few meaningless numbers and scores from our activities; there is no room for this at the present stage of the game. I hope you will agree with me. It looks like we have more serious business at hand.

— Arthur Grolz, W8DK

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Editor, QST:

It gave me just a touch of nostalgia to open the November issue of QST and find the announcement of the A.R.R.L.'s Eleventh Sweepstakes. I suddenly realized that I wouldn't be able to take part in the contest this year, and it hit me hard. . . .

Being a Radioman Third Class in the Naval Reserve, I am doing active duty now, whereas just about a year ago I was oiling up the old bug and getting ready to loose that first momentous "CQSS." I never realized, then, what those S.S. contests would contribute to my operating skill, but as I look back now I can see that they served as some of the finest training periods in my radio experience.

So, even though I won't be in the thick of the fray this year, I'll be sitting down here in the radio shack of the Wyoming listening to skilled operators in the making. They will be having fun, then, but no one knows how soon that fun will be converted into valuable experience so necessary to-day in our own national defense.

— Jack Najork, RM3C/USN, W3HNH

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Editor, QST:

. . . Having worked as control operator for some time with one of the local broadcast stations, I've been impressed by the number of 'phone calls the broadcasters get relative to amateur interference. As some of these calls are transferred to the technical department in order that information may be given to the complainant, I've found that the person logically calls the station which is being interfered with for information as to how the interference can be eliminated, except when he knows the amateur personally. The broadcaster has no other alternative than referring such complaints to the local F.C.C. office.

However, if the local clubs or S.C.M.'s or any other responsible amateur agency could arrange with the local stations to gather these complaints and distribute them to the offending amateur, I'm sure that many citations by the R. I. would be stopped before complaints reached his office. Also, the broadcaster would probably be glad to have some way of handling the complaints.

Possibly arrangements could be worked out whereby the station could forward the information or it could be picked up periodically by some person connected with the amateur organization, who could distribute them as necessary.

— William Hoos, W3FDJ