Club To Take Part In Test

Teter's Grove, in the New England Valley, will be buzzing with activity this weekend, as members of the Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club join in a nation-wide radio emergency test. Three complete two-way radio stations drawing their electricity from a gasoline-powered generator will be operated from 5:00 p. m., Saturday, until 5:00 p. m. Sunday, by 25 members working in shifts.

The occasion is the 20th annual Field Day sponsored by the ham's national organization, the American Radio Relay League. It is expected that 10,000 amateurs will take part in the exercise designed to prepare amateur radiomen to serve in disasters such as the floods of last August in which the Tamaqua Club took a very active part and received national recognition.

Karl Pfeil, president of the local group and owner of Pfeil Radio and T. V. Service, announced that Thomas Theodore, Lansford, will be in charge of the weekend event.

The club members will start erecting antennas on Friday evening at the Grove and on Saturday morning at 9:00 a. m. will erect the rest of the equipment for the test. At 5:00 p. m., the group will put the transmitters on the air and attempt to make contact with other stations all over the country. In last year's test, the club's operators talked to over 300 stations in 36 states using both code and voice. Mr. Pfeil said that he expected that record to be beaten this year.

The public is invited to visit at any time during the period.

Tamaquan Heads C. D. Radio in Test

Schuylkill County's part in the nationwide Civil Defense alert yesterday went off like clockwork.

This was due in no small measure to the efforts of a Tamaqua man, Allen Breiner, who manned the county's radio network control point.

Breiner — a member of the Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club — maintained radio contact with "ham" operators across the county and relayed messages to state C.D. headquarters in Harrisburg.

Conelrad reports were also relayed by each radio operator on duty during the test period.

Hugh Hoke of Schuylkil Haven, county C.D. head, said last night that the entire operation went according to schedule.

No emergency problems were scheduled, he explained, but traffic control and radio communications personnel had a chance to train under practical attack conditions.

Traffic was halted across the county between 2:10 and 2:30 p.m. Community officials joined state police patrols in directing motorists and pedestrians to sheltered areas until the all-clear sounded.

Burgess S. Newton Johns directed Tamaqua police and auxiliary police operations during the test.

Tamaqua 'Hams' Join Radio Relay League

The Tamaqua Radio Club has now become affiliated with the American Radio Relay League following charter presentation ceremonies last night in Tamaqua Borough Hall.

Carl Pfeil, former member of the Federal Communications Commission, presented the charter on behalf of the national headquarters to Sylvester Dallas, club president.

Discussed during the business session was a transmitter hunt and plans for the annual national field day test in which the club will participate.

Wally Green, Tamaqua R.D., was named chairman of the hunt. Four transmitters and receivers will be used by Tamaqua in the field day test which will take place June 25 and 26.

A. E. Weaver, Jim Thorpe, was admitted to membership.