Area Radio 'Hams' Stage Marathon

Six-Man Team Works Equipment 34 Hours

A team of Pawtucket area radio enthusiasts kept their sets literally hot for 34 consecutive hours this week end contacting other "hams" in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

"It got so hot that we used fans to cool it," Raymond Berger, 19, whose radio, with call letters WN1LYT, the six-man team used in the cellar of his home at 228 East street.

The broadcasting marathon was a contest staged by the American Radio Relay League to test the ability of radio hams to contact those in other states. Mr. Berger and his assistant, Robert Levrault of Pawtucket scored 228 points to win a novice class citation from the radio league.

"We worked in four-hour relays, three men at a time," Mr. Berger said today, a little worn out. "One man would operate the radio, while a second logged the calls and a third pinpointed them on a map."

The six men began at 2 p. m. Saturday and didn't end their calls until midnight yesterday. Mr. Berger's mother, Rose, and sister, Paulette, kept the radio team fed during the 34 hours.

"We contacted 28 operators in all parts of Massachusetts and four or five in New Hampshire," Mr. Berger said. He said the test also falls in line with the work of the Civil Air Patrol, of which all six are members.

Mr. Berger said about 22 operators in Rhode Island started the test Saturday afternoon but about a half dozen finished it yesterday.

Helping him and Mr. Levrault were Ronald Gelinas of Seekonk and Norman Jacques of Pawtucket, the loggers, and Edward Laurie and Armand Masse, both of Pawtucket, who did the pinpointing.

Radio 'Hams' From 2 Counties Participate in Field Exercise

Approximately 300 radio contacts were made by Carbon County and Tamaqua amateur radio clubs yesterday despite equipment failure during the 22nd annual Nationwide Field Day exercise.

High powered tubes failed during operations at both radio centers. The exercise was held from 5 p.m. Saturday to 5 p.m. yesterday.

Carbon County "hams" were forced to curtail operations for five hours early yesterday morning until a tube could be replaced. Members made 150 contacts during the exercise with operators throughout the Eastern states.

Carbon headquarters were located at Flagstaff Park, overlooking Jim Thorpe. Twenty-three operators took part in the field day activities, sponsored by American Relay League, West Hartford, Conn., the national organization of ham radio operators.

Two transmitter units failed during the Tamaqua operation at Youth Hostel Center, Orwigsburg.

Five Tamaqua operators made 150 contacts until sending was curtailed. Trouble developed in the transmitters at 5:30 a.m. yesterday.

Contacts were made with ham operators in Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia.

The Tamaqua exercise was in charge of Joseph Blihar. Operators of the Carbon group were directed by Thomas Theodore, Lansford.

The operation was designed to prepare hams to serve during a disaster or emergency.

Carbon, Schuylkill Radio Clubs Join In Contact Event

Carbon County and Tamaqua amateur radio clubs joined last night in a radio contact exercise being held among "ham" operators throughout United States and Canada.

Quarters for the Tamaqua Club are the Youth Hostel Center, Orwigsburg. The Carbon County club is making their contacts from Flagstaff Park, overlooking Jim Thorpe.

The exercise began at 5 p.m. yesterday and will end at 5 p.m. today. The amateurs spend the entire 24 hours in making contacts by radio and morse code with other operators in the two countries.

The Tamaqua club's exercise is in charge of Joseph Blihar, Karl Pfeil, William Masaitis, Carl Zimmerman Jr., and Joseph Lattanzi.

Thomas Theodore, Lansford, is in charge of the operators of the Carbon County Club.

Radio 'Hams' Field Day Is Scheduled

Members of the Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club will participate this weekend in the 20th annual Field Day of the American Radio Relay League, National Assn. of Ham Operations.

The club will have its headquarters in Teter's Grove, in New England Valley, near Tamaqua. Its 25 members will be participating with an estimated 10,000 ham operators throughout this country and Canada.

Three complete two-way radio stations, drawing their power from a gasoline driven generator, will be operated from 5 p.m. Saturday to 5 p.m. Sunday.

To encourage maximum participation, the event is conducted as a contest between groups of the same size. Special rules give credit to equipment which would be used in the event of a real emergency, such as a flood, tornado or sleet storm.

Tamaqua's club, with experience gained at previous field days, played a big part last August in helping the community during the flood.

Thomas Theodore, Lansford, will be in charge of the weekend event. Karl Pfeil is president of the Tamaqua club.

Tamaqua To Join In Radio Exercise

One Saturday in mid-June of last year, from their homes in Canada, the United States and possessions, 8,380 persons dissapered into woodlands, mountains and open fields carrying a little food and clothing and a lot of radio apparatus. There they set up two thousand and twenty-six separate transmitter-receiver combinations operating independently of commercial power mains and for a solid twenty-four hours of the American Radio Relay League Field Day, had themselves a time etching the Kennelly-Heaviside layer indelibly with the call of CQ Field Day.

This year, on June 25 and 26, the Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club will participate in this nationwide "Ham" activity. The purpose of holding these field day tests will be to contact many of these other field day set-ups, via the short waves, and interchange a message pertaining to a simulated emergency.

The TARC, like many other clubs will use a gasoline powered generator for their emergency power and will have four transmitters set in operation for the twenty-four hour period. The TARC will hold its next regular meeting in the Borough Hall on Monday, May 9, and the Field Day committee, under the leadership of K. W. Pfeil, will present final plans for the club's entry in this national affair. All members interested in attending field day are urged to attend this meeting so as to get full particulars on the clubs plans.

The Eastern Section of the Amateur Civil Defense Network of Pennsylvania, will hold a banquet and meeting in the Hotel Bethlehem today. The TARC will be represented with five members, including the president and secretary. A report from this CD meeting will also be presented at the meeting of the 9th.

Amateur Operators Plan Field Day

The Car-Le Radio Club, a group of local radio amateurs affiliated with the American Radio Relay League, will observe the 19th ARRL Field Day at Flagstaff Park, Jim Thorpe, when forests and fields, hilltops and plains will ring with the crisp crackle of the International Morse Code and the voices of thousands of radio amateurs throughout the nation calling "CQ Field Day" this Saturday and Sunday, June 25-26, as the American Radio Relay League conducts an annual contest designed to strengthen the ability of amateurs to carry on radio communications during emergencies.

The ARRL Field Day has played a big part in developing amateur communications to the point where they have been responsible for the saving of many lives and property in such large scale disasters as the east coast hurricanes of last year and the flash floods in the southwest and midwest this spring. Officers of the Club are as follows: president, Daniel I. Farren; vice-president, Henry G. Russell; activities manager, Noble A. Wolff and secretary-treasurer, A. A. Rhoads.

Tamaqua 'Hams' Contact Distant Radio Stations

The Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club, in spite of inclement weather yesterday afternoon, made close to a hundred contacts with distant radio stations during its first annual field day exercises at Teter's Grove, New England road.

The two-day affair, scheduled to continue until 5 p.m. today, is being held in conjunction with the American Radio Relay League with which the Tamaqua club is affiliated.

More than 20 Tamaqua operators, working under simulated emergency conditions, established complete two-way radio contact with remote spots, including several in Canada.

Complete food and kitchen facilities have been set up by the club for the activities. Both radio and telephone codes have been used as the means of transmission.

Radio Hams are also attending from Orwigsburg, Pottsville, Minersville and Lansford. Carl Pfeil, Tamaqua, is field day chairman.

Amateur Radio Men Slate Field Day

The Car-Le Radio Club, in conjunction with the American Radio Relay League, will take part in the 19th ARRL Field Day Saturday and Sunday at Flagstaff Park, Jim Thorpe.

Termed "CQ Field Day" the program is designed to strengthen the ability of amateurs to carry on radio communications during an emergency.

Officers of the radio club are: Daniel I. Farren, Lehighton, president; the Rev. Henry G. Russell, Jim Thorpe, vice president; Noble A. Wolff, Lehighton, activities manager, and A. A. Rhoads, Lehighton, secretary-treasurer.

Radio Club Field Day On Saturday

The Tamaqua Amateur Radio club will conduct its first annual Field Day on Saturday at Teters Grove, New England Road.

The field day is being held in conjunction with the American Radio Relay League with which the radio club is affiliated.

During the 24-hour period on Saturday, the Tamaqua club will establish complete two-way radio stations in remote spots, powered by gasoline driven generators or batteries, and attempt to make contact with as many other stations as possible.

Complete food and kitchen facilities have been set up by the club for the field day activities. Both the radio and telephone code will be the means of transmission.

Officers of the club announced that membership in the organization is open to anyone interested in ham radio operation or in procuring an amateur radio operating license.