Radio Club In Meeting Here

The Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club met last evening in the American Hose Co. headquarters with the president, Allen Breiner, in charge. Dr. Joseph Flannigan, New Philadelphia, the chaplain, opened the meeting with prayer.

The club will hold its annual Field Day exercises in June at the American Youth Hostel on the George Keiser tree farm, Orwigsburg R. 1.

The group will sponsor an amateur radio demonstration for the Tri-Hi-Y Club of Tamaqua High School at 8 p. m. on April 8 in the school gymnasium. About 130 Tri-Hi-Y members are expected to attend. Amateur radio as a hobby and as emergency communication in time of disaster will be explained. Two-way contacts on phone and code operation will be demonstrated by making contacts with other amateurs within and outside the Tamaqua area.

Members of the Radio Club will assist this project by operating from their homes and contacting the station set up in the gym. Members of the Tri-Hi-Y will have the opportunity to talk to other amateurs on the air. The committee to set up the program includes Sylvester Dallas, chairman; Anthony Sarli, Thomas Theodore, Karl Pfeil, Carl Zimmerman, William Masaitis, John Roman and Joseph Blihar.

Blihar was recently licensed by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C., with the call letters WN3LDV.

Walter Adams, Jr., 14, has been accepted as a protege of the club and the members are helping him become a licensed amateur. He is showing progress in learning his code characteristics and theory. Mr. Breiner will construct the necessary equipment needed by the youth when he passes his Novice test. Club members will donate or make available the necessary parts for the equipment. The youth is a victim of Muscular Dystrophy and has been confined to a wheel chair since one year of age.

Other guests at the meeting besides young Adams were Lee Melatti and James Howells.

The next regular meeting will be held in the Borough Hall on May 18th.

Radio Club Meets Today In Tamaqua

A special meeting of the Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club has been scheduled for 8 p.m. today in the Tamaqua Elks Club.

Plans will be formulated for a joint picnic of the Car-Le Amateur Radio Club and the Tamaqua group.

A complete field day report will be presented at the regular meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in the Tamaqua Borough Hall by K. W. Pfeil, committee chairman.

A blackboard technical talk and a quiz on operating procedure will also be given. Code instruction class will be held one hour previous to the meeting.

A. R. Breiner, club secretary, reported yesterday that amateurs visiting Canada this year who wish to operate portable transmitting equipment must obtain and fill out forms from the Telecommunications Divisions, Department of Transportation Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and from the Authorization Analysis Division, Federal Communications Commission, Washington 25.

Further information may be obtained from Breiner.

Schuylkill-Carbon Radio 'Hams' Meet

Forty-two "ham" radio operators from Schuylkill and Carbon counties attended the annual banquet of the Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club last night.

Paul Yawckley, Lancaster, was main speaker at the affair held in Giba's Cafe, Tamaqua. He described the phone net method of operations employed by most amateur radio operators. Yawckley heads the Eastern Pennsylvania phone net control.

Allen Breiner, president, reviewed the history of the club. Daniel I. Farren, Lehighton, amateur operator, was awarded a prize for relating the best story about "ham" operators.

Committee in charge of arrangements was headed by Sylvester Dallas, Tamaqua. He was assisted by Thomas Theodore, Lansford; Joseph Lattanzi, Brockton; and Carl Zimmerman Sr., William Masitis and Anthony Sarli, all of Tamaqua.

Radio Club Meeting

The Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club will meet at 8 p.m. today in the Tamaqua Borough Hall.

Code instruction class will convene at 7 p.m.

Highlight of the meeting will be showing of a sound film which was obtained from the club's national headquarters in Hartford, Conn.

The club announced that Anthony Sarli, a club member, has received his federal communications commission license. Allen Breiner and Bud Sarli have received their general class license and are now eligible to operate on all the amateur frequencies.

Tamaqua Radio Club Nominates Officers

Nomination of officers of the Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club was held last night during a meeting in the Tamaqua Borough Hall.

Nominated were Karl Pfeil, president; Carl Zimmerman and Wallace Green, vice president; Allan Breiner, secretary; Anthony Sarli, treasurer; the Rev. Daniel Quinn, the Rev. William Masaitis, Sylvester Dallas and Joseph Lattanzi, chaplain, and Ted Theodore and William Reilly, activities officer.

Election of officers will take place at the second meeting in December and installation in January.

Membership and dues clauses in the by-laws were revised. Auction night will be held during the next meeting.

Radio Club Sees Film On Emergency Exercise

Following the regular meeting of the Tamaqua Amateur radio club May 28, a film on radio emergency exercise was shown at the Bundy Tubing council rooms. About 20 regular members of the Tamaqua Radio Club witnessed it. The film depicted setting up two-way radio contacts throughout the United States with other emergency units and stations.

The Tamaqua club is preparing for its own emergency field day exercise at Peter's Grove, Lewistown Valley, June 23 and 24. The call letters that will be used this year at the field day site, and registered will be W-3 ZFX and W-3 ZQR as alternate. These are the home stations of Anthony Sarli Jr., and Allen Breiner, Tamaqua.

A picnic committee was appointed with Carl Zimmerman Sr., as chairman. The picnic is usualy held at Breiner's Grove, New Ringgold. An invitation was extended the Carbon Amateur Club to attend the affair.

Karl Pfeil, president, was in charge of the meeting.

Radio 'Ham' Contacts Raft In S. Pacific

Daniel I. Farren, a member of the Carbon County Amateur Radio Club, recently made radio contact with occupants of a powerless raft in the South Pacific.

The raft, known as the "Tahiti Hui," is making its way from Polynesia to Chile, South America.

Farren contacted the raft at 11 p.m. Monday and carried on a 15-minute conversation with the radio operator aboard.

During the conversation, Farren said he learned the raft is drifting midway between Paheete, Tahiti, and Santiago, Chile.

Call letters of the raft are FO8AP-MM.

Farren said in recent weeks he has contacted the Argentine Antarctic Expedition at Half Moon Island, near the South Pole, and the Russian Antarctic Expedition at Mirney Sound, also near the South Pole.

'Hams' Entertain Junior Member

The Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club last night held a surprise birthday party for its youngest member, Tony (Bud) Sarli Jr., following a meeting in the Tamaqua Elks Club.

Sarli, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sarli, 164 Spruce St., Tamaqua, is believed to be one of the youngest ham operators in the state. He is treasurer of the Tamaqua Club.

During the business session, plans were outlined for a joint picnic to be held with the Car-Le Club of Lehighton.

Named to the picnic committee were Carl Pfeil, Tamaqua, chairman; Thomas Theodore, Lansford, co-chairman, and Carl Zimmerman Sr., Tamaqua.

The committee from the Lehighton club includes Jim Balliet and Edward Naratil, Palmerton, and Pat Rhoads, Lehighton.