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EDITORIAL ** ** ** By W3ZRQ

Yes its me agn. Don't you ever get tired of reading the editorial by me? I have just been given a new title on this Sardine Wrapper, The Silent Editor. However there seems to be nothing silent about it. The wrapper staff always seems to inveagle me into something.

As you have probably never even noticed - - We are now a year older and so is our CLUB THE TAMAQUA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. On Sept. 15 of last year this Til group was organized and today is no longer a lil group but a large and very active group of "Ham" operators. Yes it is now that after one year we can sit back and say that our venture has NOT failed. During the course of the past 12 months numerous activities were a part of the club members and also non-members.

LOOKIN BACK * * There were six antenna raisings. The Club sponsored a QSO contest. Auction nites ere held. A wing-ding of a banquet was held. Had many class-room Teckni-talks. ARRL MOVIES And one no member will forget is the first Annual Club Field Day. We are also showed dividends from the code instruction class and from private classes at the different shacks; we gained 4 novice ops. and 2 general ops with more ops in the makin.

All in all I believe I may speak for all the dlub officers and members that we have had a very sucessful year, BUT, we always sit back and say we cud have did better some where along the way, and look forward to correcting sum of our mistakes and differences in the future. This however cannot be attainable unless YOU the member stay as active as you were last year and get on the ball and help that inactive member or non-member. Then I'm sure that next year we can sit back and say the same thing. Its the inactive ones that keep the active ones on their toes and keeps that eternal triangle on the move. And with Gods help we will be here next year. Vy 73.

NEXT MEETINGS * * * * SEPT. 12

ARRL MOVIES * SEPT. 26 ** ARRL MOVIES
A movie on capacitance will be the program for Sept 26. 8 P.M. sharp

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One of the very selfom used "Q" sigs for the Ham operator. It never dawned on us that we the Tamaqua group might ever have use for this. However it was literally dropped on us by some 10 inches of rain-fall within a 3 hour period.

On Aug. 18, 1955 Tamaqua was inundated with an over abundance of water that overflowed the banks of the Schuylkill and Wabash rivers. This put the business and many of the residential sections in town under and average of 5 to 8 feet of water and crippled the Bell telephone system. It was due to the laps of out side communications that the local ops got on the ball and inside of 25 minutes were set up in the Tamaqua Borough Hall with communication through to the outside.

A 60 watt CW Xmtr was set up at the borough hall by W3 ZRQ Who in turn relayed all traffic to W3KJJ about 2 blocks away with 800 watts on 75 fone. KJJ in turn had all the surrounding area standing by.

Traffic was handled with precision clock-work. These who helped dispatch the numerous messages were; W3UEU W3HA W3NHJ W3BNR W3SCT W3PYF W3DJZ W3SEB W3OSE W3WII W3QEW W3ISM W3HFT. It seemed that no matter what question the borough officals put before us, we had some outside op redy with the answer. To them we are very grateful.

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WE also wish to thank all club members for their very valuable assistance especially to W3RZV W3ZXF and Wm. Massaitis SWL.

None of us ever thought that this would come to pass in our small community. But it has, and I'm sure that we met it face on. However as we always say, If it ever happens again there will be some changes made.

RECEIVER HASH

COW has finally given the nurses at Allentown General Hospital a much needed rest. He was discharged Aug. 13.

BBS es ZPW are no longer novices passed their general es is planning foney operation....This as U knw always leaves lots more room on the CW band..WJY Mr.Saur Kraut juice was QRT es spent a term in the hospital..ZRQ who was a WJY visitor at the hospital took his place in bed for a two day stand...Whilst preparations were hastely made for operation FLOOD, ZXF was instructed to acquire a reel of wire from the basement of ZRQ, This to be a make-shift roving es xmting ant. when it was unrolled at the borough hall it was found to be abt 25 feet in 3 foot lengths...KJJ had his hi-lites to. He was admiring the nice brite flashes from out-side the shack window wen he was soon cut short QRT,cap-put, finished off the air. His feed line was being blown around and finally burnt off from shorting against the neighbors tin rood. During the height of the rain and wind storm he crawled up on the roof and made temporary repairs and was soon QNK agn...It takes a lot to hold a HAM off the air during an emergency. Rain wind no PWR or what have you will not shut us up, but take away the hot coffee and QLF and we will soon have to make revisions...Bnr es YAZ were abt 6 hrs. late for the NET picnic at Hershey but they brot a vy FB excuse wid them...TSY is a FB chap and a connesuer of the art of tasting foods. This of course can be seen by the robosity of sed op. He liked a certain Bar-B-Q at the picnic and cudnt wait till he got it Via the AN net a few nites later...The TARC also held a picnic. This brought out the characters in true to life form..AIW balloon blowing contest, AKF, Baked bean eatin contest..XYL's peanut scramble..I never knew we had so many nuts in our club...KJJ is nursing a vy mutilated left ear from an ear bendin contest...I still say U can't make them all happy.. CMA a star witness for a bus accident in N.Y.C. was given a quick call from a short weekend at home..Wat did U settle up for Tony, a Collins KW?..BNR QRO to 30watts¾mobile. W3LGZ is back on foney with a BC Unit..Cathode Modulation. BNR made RCC. ZRQ MADE ORS

? ? ARRL MEMBER ? ?

Here is your chance to get in on all the happenings for the clubs affiliation, The American Radio Relay League. As a group or club we may take advantage of a special subscription price for joining ARRL and getting QST thru the mail each month. At present QST is 50 cents a copy on the news stand and sum times hard to get. Over a period of a year you spend $6 for QST and are not a member.

If our club can get 10 or more subscriptions or renewals or even extend your present subscription, we can get this at a fee of 3.50 per ed. However ARRL would like us to build our money-belt up so they say for us to take 50 cents. This puts the price to a regular 4.00 a year. The 50 cents to be for club expenses etc.

This club is putting on an ARRL member drive right now. We still need sum to make it over the number ten mark. All four dollar bills, Checks or Money orders to be in the hands of the Secretary not later than the meeting of Sept. 26. Not the 27th-28th-or 29th. But the 26th. Make checks payable to the Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club. Please state if New subscription-Renewal- or extension. Hope you respond to this as quickly as you have in the past for other activities. Tnx 73 Sec'y

COMMING EVENTS
(Keep Ur peekers open)

Sept.22, 1955 is the Quarter-Centuary mark for KJJ. Twenty-five years a HAM and still...Possibly a blow-out is in the air...The gang is talkin up an early banquet or eatin contest for sum time in October. HW abt it fellas?..HW abt another Holiday QSO contest this year, no time like the present to talk abt it..Our club will soon present some kind of QSO certificate for full particulars see the committee in charge.

P.S.P.S. HA AIW TCC AMC BNR SEB went down to the Delaware Lehigh club meeting heard G.Hart speack on Amateur Civil Defense Set Up. Football and women seem to have ZXF all tied up lately. Two practices every day seem to be wearing him down bes ides the dances. CMA had quite a time in N.Y. snoopin in on BNR and the YL's. Thats all folks for this month. Get your scandal in early for the next issue.