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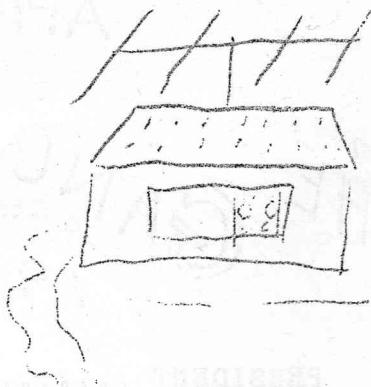
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SCARBORO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

CLUB HOUSE

VEBX



THE EDITORS QSO.



Ladies Gang:

Here we are again after a lapse of four weeks, with more news and happenings.

It was nice to see such a swell turn out at Ladies Night and the comments from the fairer sex, proved they had a lovely time.

The 1 1/2 hours of sound pictures were a treat and the coffee and eats again scored another hit.

This kind of evening should be repeated monthly.

Club News!! We are still in need of more
WHAT SAY BOYS?

Your Editor,

H. Kenmare,

VE3JO

WITH THE EDITOR'S PERMISSION

Hi Gang:

Here we go for another month of activities for the club.

Our Ladies Night seemingly was very successful from all reports received, and it has been suggested that we have this at least twice a year.

On behalf of the Executive and members of the Club, I wish to congratulate Mary Langstaffe as Chairman. Barb Clarkstone as Secretary and Babs Wilson as Editor of the Ladies Page. The above appointments being for the Ladies Committee.

One suggestion that the Committee has investigated was the organization of Emergency Operations and Co-ordination, which in a time of need (any time) will prove not only the merits of our members, but also our great fraternity.

Your writer and the Field Day Supervisor and two members spent several hours Sunday investigating our new F.D.H.Q. This, fellows, is the real McCoy. No more wet transmitters, no more mud, no more freezing in the night, along with a lot of other discomforts we have had in past F.D. years. The Pavilion, which we have been given full permission to use, has a main room approx. 30' by 20' with four other rooms, plus a nice kitchen. This is only 20' from the edge of the Bluffs, whose height we measured at exactly 300' from the water. Jack Turner will be looking for support for a weekend PRIOR to F.D. to set up antennas etc. As an added attraction for all members on F.D. a schedule with Niagara Radio Club on the highest frequency possible (Arc Lamp) from Scarborough to Beamsville has been arranged, which by air, is a distance of some 50 miles. Anyone having binoculars is requested to bring them for this event.

Please note that this is a real opportunity for the Ladies to have a swell time and

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picnic with the Gang.

73's

Al Wilson,

VE3AMB.

What makes you so popular?

He asked the chick young spark,

The secret is of my success

I keep all the boys in the dark!

Mary had a little skirt,

Cut 'way above the knees,

Se never went to school in it,

She wore it just to tease.

He stood upon the Woolworth scales,
at the closing of the day.

He dropped a lead slug in the slot
And silently stole a-weight.

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CLUB NEWS
FROM MEMBERS.

SARG.

Tuning the 75 Meter Band of late, we find that the Canadian Hams have apparently lost the prefix of their calls, so consequently use only the last 2 or 3 letters of their Call No. No Canadian Amateur can't possibly be in such a hurry that he need omit the VE on his call. This, for the benefit of a large majority who do not seem to know, is a violation of the Amateur Regulations and too frequent an occurrence, may lead to the cancellation of ones most cherished call!

Don't forget gang, we live in a country that we're all proud of, so don't forget to emphasize the fact that we are Canadian Hams by doing what you are supposed to do. --- use the VE on every call and save yourself future embarrassment.

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All outside club@ news should be sent to the Editor of DAH-DIT-DAH.

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Orville Bauer, W2TEX has sent their Club Paper, RARA Bulletin and I wish to compliment you boys on behalf of you editing of your fine paper.

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We were under false impressions when we thought W2UZL took in Washing! We were informed the flat iron only acted as a make shift resistor to the primary of an overgrown transformer.

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Permission to copy articles in this paper will be given on request only.

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The Rochester Radio Club have their Club Broadcasts by W2TEX on 75 meter phone. It is very interesting to listen to this well organized broadcast.

Alf Williams had the misfortune to have his aerial fall down and can't put it up due to a further misfortune. Some L.L's have an awful nerve. Just can't see our hobbies!

On the election of the Women's Auxillary Mary Langstaffe is again the chairwomen for the year 1949. Nice going Mary!

W2VZD, Sherm and Ruth, whom we have the pleasure of contacting quite often, may wonder why they donot receive the Club Paper. It's becuase we donot have your QTH Sherm. Please send it in to the Editor.

CONGRATULATIONS, Dick Roberts on the arrival of the new Commanding Officer in your household. The Boys at the club smoke good brands of cigars!

How about giving Box 33, Station H a rund for it's money gang, before the QSL Manager complains.

Dennis Eason is reported ready to take the adventure. Gud Luck Dennis, hope you come through with flying colours.

52 members attended our last meeting and it was a lovely turn out.

and March 29/49, was "Ladies Nite" at our Club, and a large attendance made it a grand success! The movies donated to us, was very well picked for the mixed attendance and we wish to thank all concerned for the splendid equipment placed at our disposal. Thanks a million Folks!"

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The President of Nortown Radio Club has re-cooperated from his illness and attended the Northshore Radio Banquet in Oshawa. Glad to see you there Bert, we know you had a swell time. Swell Gang eh?

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Al Butson is another accomplished student of the Club and passed his exam at the RI and his call is VE3BOJ, or Butson's old junk!

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The presentation of a 40 Meter Crystal, went to Al Clark who passed his exam last week.

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The new Code Class is already in progress, having started on April 7/49. JO purchased a code escillator for the purpose of giving the boys their code lessons.

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VE3JO is letting his hair grow like all other poets, or is it the shortness of the sheckles??? Who knows?

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Some of the executives went out on Sunday April 3/49 to look over the site for the coming Field Day. What happened to the rest?????

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Al Butsen is now making records. You know he's quite a piano player, believe me!

The cooperation of the members who furnish the news to our Editor, deserve a lot of credit. We still need more club news. Come on Gang, let's have the happenings of the members:

The executives held a meeting at Dennis Mason's Residence on Wed. April 6/49. All officers were present and some lengthy discussions were in session. Nice Going Boys.

The Editor has been asked to run a swap and sell column for the members. This column will start in next months issue. 10% will be charged on all articles sold. Proceeds for the Club.

The Bathing Suits they make today,
are fashioned to astound!

They make the girls look far from
square,
and all the boys look 'round!

"Give me an egg!", the Captain roared,
Up sprang the gallant crew!
They heaved the anchor overboard,
and made the ship lay two!"

Pete Gorell is now an old timer on 2 meters. Frank Stewardson is also a competitor. Good going boys!

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—GRIPE



FRUIT—

BY VE3JO

It's plain to see that the neighbors of any existing ham in their neighbourhood, still places the blame for any or all noises they hear on their radios on him. The other night, while I was sitting writing up our paper, the phone rang and a voice began--I quote:

"Hello, I say, is this JO?"

"Why yess", was his reply.

"Well I have got a funny noise on my new radio!"

"Good gracious Mam!" was his reply

His voice showed some despair.

For he was not a service man,

Ner did he do repairs!

She didn't care, was plain to see

Her voice was low and gruff.

"I wouldn't have this pesky noise if you would just shut up!"

"Why madam" cried the treden Ham,

He stepped and scratched his head.

"It can't be me, fer when I'm on,

You felks should be in bed!"

"That noise you get, I get it too,

The cure? Please de not scoff,

For when your nerves are worn thin,

Just shut the D---- thing off!"

I know it's tough, but bear in mind

Your neighbours could be wren--

That pesky noise you speak about

Is all around the town!"

At this the Mam saw her mistake

And said "I've learned a lesson,

For in the future, you can bet

The Hams I wen't be blessin'".

VE3JO

THE LADIES PAGE

Hello Girls:

First of all I'd like to tell you that the Ladies Night was a great success! You girls that weren't there really misses a most enjoyable evening. The elections for the Ladies Auxillary were held and the results were as follows:

CHAIRMAN: Mayy Langstaffe

SECRETARY: Barbara Clarkstone

and the editing of the Ladies Page remains with me.

The Ladies Present were:-

Barbara Clarkstone

Peg Stewardson

Mary Langstaffe

Gwen Kiteley

Muriel Butson

Violet Rolfe

Joyce Harvey

Audrey Imrey

Mattie Kenmare

Kay Tripp

Mrs. Clarke

Babs Wilson

Dora Harvey

Muriel Matthews

Eva Colleck

Mrs. Lehman

Eileen Stockwell

There were some very nice Ladies' prizes too, which were quite unexpected. I understand that Sid Prier had a lot to do with it. Many thanks, Sid, I know the gals appreciated them.

Incidentally, we nearly didn't get the films. The car that was bringing them got stuck in the Scarborough mud, and so was your reporter. We had to get towed out by Ken Tripp. What a fuss and flurry! So that was why we were late starting the meeting, which was too bad after it had been so carefully planned. Everyone was very patient and I know they didn't mind, so long as we DID get there and we did have the films.

We were very glad to see Eva Colleck there

and looking very fit. As some of you know, Eva lost her Dad a short time ago, and were all very sorry to hear of her loss, and it was really nice to see her again.

I was talking to Wilf Brown, and he was telling me that his XYL wouldn't come as she gets enough ham radio at home. But as you who were there know, there was no ham radio to it, and the films really were most enjoyable. So how about coming next time, Verna? I for one would like to see you again.

Those of you who met my Mother and Dad last year when they were visiting us, will be sorry to hear that Mother had a slight stroke and has been confined to bed for a time. However, they reassure me that she is progressing favourably now and I hope that she will continue to do so.

I hear that an old friend of the Scarborough Club, Dick Roberts, who is now a prominent member of the Nortown Club, is the proud father of a son. Congratulations, Magg and Dick.

Well gals, this is about all the news for this month. If any of you have any suggestions or news for the Ladies Page, will you please let me know. Phone Scarborough 2706. Soon I shall be telling you about the plans for our activities on Field Day which will be at the beginning of June. So look out for future issues of Dah-Dit-Dah.

Till next month,

Babs Wilson

Your XYL Reporter.

"BECOMING A HAM"

by Al Clark

This dumb writer, after being an SWL for a number of years, suddenly decided to seriously try to qualify myself for a ticket. The only experience I had was practical, as I had built 3 or 4 very simple receivers and had fair success with them without knowing any theory. So just where to start was the first problem. After talking with a few good friendly Club members who offered their services to help, I decided to learn the code. The first move was to memorize it. With the help of the KYL and the 2 eldest youngsters, we crammed about 3 or 4 letters a day into our half brain. Day and night we kept repeating A is dit dah- Q is dah dah dit dah- C is dah dit dah dit- V is dit dit dit dah. After we had nearly the whole alphabet memorized, I called on our good friend who came over and gave us a turn on our little home built oscillator. (I realize now how painful it must of been for him!)

After a couple of nights at it, I surprised myself that I could read the odd word at approx 2 wpm. Anyhow I guess you all have been through the same except that I am a little slow to catch on. After that I just kept at it until I could read any very slow hams on the band. Incidentally, It just so happened that the Club's code practice nights were out for me as I am a family man and can not get out that many nights per week. It just so happened that I had an invitation from the Nortown Club's Code practice committee which happened to be the only other nite I could get out. So I attended their classes for a few weeks. At this time I would like to thank VE3RU for his kind training and really do appreciate what he has done for me. After that I found that I could read WIAW at 2 wpm on Mon. Wed, and Fri. nites until I reached a point when I could read their 12 wpm.

After that I decided to run down this theory business, but just where to start was

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the problem. I have a couple of Handbooks but realized I could not digest them all so I tried to find out the short cut and the basic elements. I found the ARRL's Handbook very useful in this respect so from here on I presented our many friends with some pretty dumb questions, but everybody seemed so patient and answered them. I then decided to pay the RI a visit and see if I could get some gen on the exam. He gave me a syllabus of the exam which I immediately went to town on. As far as the diagrams, I found ones that were not too complicated and kept drawing them until I could do them with eyes closed. So then I tackled Olm's lay so as to figure a bleeder, voltage divider problem and a series, parallel resistor combination. After that I worried what the oral questions would be, then decided to pay the examiner a visit. I found him a perfect gentleman and very fair and to the point. This alone was quite a seditive for one's nerves. Having passed my exam and now a full fledged amateur, I wish to thank one and all for their swell cooperation in the fraternity of Hamdom.

DONT FORGET GANG. IF YOU
HAVE ANY SPARE GEAR YOU
WANT TO SWAP OR SELL
GET IT IN THE BOX TONITE
FOR NEXT MONTHS SWAP
COLUMB

WHAT'S ON THE METERS

10 meters- by C. Harvey, VE3ARC

The welcome mat is out to Art Wilkens, VE3BWX, who has just got on "ten phone". Lots of DX and luck Art.

Bill, VE3BP, sounded quite pleased one day when he worked CT1CA. Bill was talking to him both in English and French. That was a very interesting QSO Bill.

The old ten meter band has been acting strange the last few nights. HKSMO in Bogota was booming in one night as late as 11.15 pm. Also 4L's were still QRMing each other up here at 1.15 in the morning one day.

CONGRATULATIONS to Al Butson for getting his ticket at long last.

3ARC has added two more countries to his list, by working CT1 and an MHI. Also rather by freak conditions, I was able to HK3BJ at 10.45 one evening.

Gord Simpson, VE3ADL, is back on ten, only this time with NBFM. It sounds very nice Gord.

Bruce, VE3NO, had some skeds with XE1VE so that John's mother could talk to him. Good going Bruce.

That is about all I can think of now, so 'till next month, 73's and DX fellows.

40 meters- by Alf Williams, VE3BKI

Seems the cage men of hamdom, to wit, those 40 meter CW boys who talk with their hands have been a bit quiet of late. However, Al Clark our newest convert, has been going great guns with his new rig, whenever he can persuade Stew Blam, 3BYA to come over and operate portable with him.

Al's rig is a 6ARS osc feeding an 807 in class C for about 20 watts output at the present time, but he expects to up that to 40 watts real soon. Carefull with that high power Al!

Any of you phone men who want to become real operators again can do so by listening out for Al's new call, 3AJV on 7050 or 7220. He has made 22 contacts so far which is good for a brand new brass pounder. His latest is AW5 from Oklahoma. Nice goin Al.

Ted Collard, 3DAZ, has made a better rig for 40 meters by taking off a few turns from his final to resonate better on 40. Better watch Frank Stewartson's new techniques there son, or you might miss the 40 meter band all together. Wot sa Frank OM??

Stew Ellam, 3BWV has been tied up pretty solid with exams at school but still manages to wring the odd contact out of his type 19. (author please note that!)

On Sat. 26th March, we were down paying for the old ticket agn when Al Butson was observed sweating off about 10 lbs. in a grueling IQ Test wid the RI. Al came out of it with flying colors and is the SARC's latest ham with a shiny new call of 3BOJ (Butson's Old Junk) Congrats from all of us to you and we will personally help you wring the price of your 3530 rock from our very able treasurer, Ken Tripp, whenever you get it. That will be very chummy with Hal Kenmaree 7062 and Al Clarkes 7050 and Jack Marr's (3BDO, Chalk River) 7072.

Guess that just about unwinds us for this issue gang, so 73's for now and gud hunting.

CLUB NEWS - Cont.

The Theory Class, which has been meeting each Monday, boasts of 16 ardent, would-be hams. The boys are doing a swell job and progressing very favourably.

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A couple of members turned up for code class one week in advance. Hows that for enthusiasm?

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Can anyone tell VE3AMB how to bend radio waves round a water tank? If so inform imed!

THE SWL COLUMN BY SID PRIOR

A STORY -- THE YEAR 1975

This is a story, kids, of a night away back in 1949, in fact I have the very night here in my S.W.L. log book--it was on a Monday night, March 14/49 at about 10 or 11 o'clock.

I happened to be tuning an old Halli-crafter S.X.25, remember then fellows, we had to tune a receiver by hand, now it is different, but don't ask me the difference, well any how I happened to tune a signal in on the 28 MC band and lo and behold it was old AMB, (Saw him the other day with his new wheel chair").

well as I was saying, he was playing around on 144 MC, gumming with some character by the name of Frank, and apparently A.M.B. was transmitting on 10 and receiving or just at that time trying to receive on 6, and his ether hound was transmitting on 6 and listening on 10. What a mess, but anyhow the transmission sounded something like this: (note: the sound effects are fictitious and any resemblance is purely accidental): A.M.B.--Hello Frank, I am going to try and listen for you on this swish box, silence, snk,ank, sound like control turning, shhhhhhhh, shm, no Frank, Gosh I wonder if I'm in the band, silence, eek noise like screw driver turning trimmer, swish, swish, AMB, AMB, AMB, do you hear me Al?? bye-- Ya, Ya Frank, just tuned you in on the last part of your transmission, but just a minute till I turn this darn dipold a bit, silence, then--screech, chair moving, (no not Babs!) klunk, bang, swish, swish--hello Frank, hello Frank, try again, silence, boy that was 100%, but I had to keep my hand over the oscillator coil, darn it your gone again, just a minute 'till I stretch the grid coil a little bit,

STORY - (con't)

Silence, noise like grid coil stretching (?)
AMB, AMB, do you hear me now Al? bye- swish,
swish, Hi Frank, boy oh boy, are you coming
in now like a ton of bricks, I'll bet putting
Bab's two way stretch on the end of the grid
coil did it Hi! So at last Al was on 2, what
a session!

So you see children in those days it
was quite a feat to get on 2 Meters (eh Al?)

Well kids, I have got to go as I hear
my Pal in Florida calling me on my V.H.F.
Fountain Pen. What say-- have I got my tick-
et? Sure have had it a long time, all of 6
months. Bye kids, see you later.

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The coming meeting will hear the results
of our affiliation with the AFARS Emergency
Net!

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FLASH! Dennis Eason passed his examin-
ation at the R.I. Office and is now a full
fledged Amateur! Thanks for the nice compli-
ment Dennis, glad to help you anytime. Lots
of DX with your brand new rig OM.

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Will the members who have not as yet
brought a chair please do so for the next
meeting as the chairs are getting rather short.

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All Field Day arrangements are settled
and a 6 roomed Pavillion has been secured, 20
feet from the edge of Scarboro Bluffs, 300
feet above the Lake. Hot Dog, no more wet
and muddy feet!!!!

WHATS ON UHF

Hi Gang!

BY F STEWARDSON

Well here it is Spring again and the time has arrived to get that VHF equipment going. Seen the six meter gang will be working from Halifax to California and possible a few G's will be worked Hi! On two meters, the gang is already noticing signs of the odd inversion showing up and the main topics of discussion are beams of all varieties and converters to use with 522 receivers. There is nothing spectacular to report as yet, but the following months will tell a very different story as will be reported in this column. Able, Zero, Charlie is grateful for the opportunity of being able to report in this ably edited Dah-Dit-Dah, what is happening on VHF.

Rrrrrrr-rrrrr-Yes! You have? - Well what do you know! - Well what can you hear? Hu Hu, well that band set cond is very critical on the oscillator ---Keep turning it very slowly and you'll find the band O.K. Cheerio! Click-and Al Wilson, VE3AMB gives the Bell Telephone System half a buck. Why? He was finding the two meter band on his new converter. Didn't take you long to get cracking on that Al - F.B.
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Same opening as above -- Hello! Frank there please? - Speaking - I just heard you working DAA on two meters - Swell Dennis, glad you got it to perk O.K. Cheerio! - So our recording Secr. has got his converter working on 144 mc - Good for you Dennis Eason.
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Called VE3BPI, Norm King, on land line to

arrange a tape recording of VE3AZC's transmission on two meters. What developed was a crossband free for all. AZC was re-transmitted on ten and BPI on two--BUT there was a kibitzer VE3AJ0 was interjecting caustic and other comments and stuff, and a very fine three way crossband was in session!

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Another crossband sked was kept, between VE3AMB and VE3AZC, which also became a three way with VE3AB listening on ten and two simultaneously and transmitting on two--Lots of fun fellows!

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Worked VE3AIB on his new mobile 144 rig, running about $2\frac{1}{2}$ watts input. Using his home beam, he was 5 and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ from the west end of Toronto to Scarboro. High Power!

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Worked our Old friend one evening recently, VE3ZI, Rae Nason to you. How about getting on more often Rae? Or do ~~you~~ have to come down to Front St. and talk you into it? Hi!

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After threatening us for about a year, one of the stalwarts of the S.A.R.C. at last made good his threat! Who? Why none other than VE3AJ0, putting out with a very nice spot of two meter work. Wilf has a SCR522 and does a 5 and 9 plus 30 at AZC's location with his five element flat top.

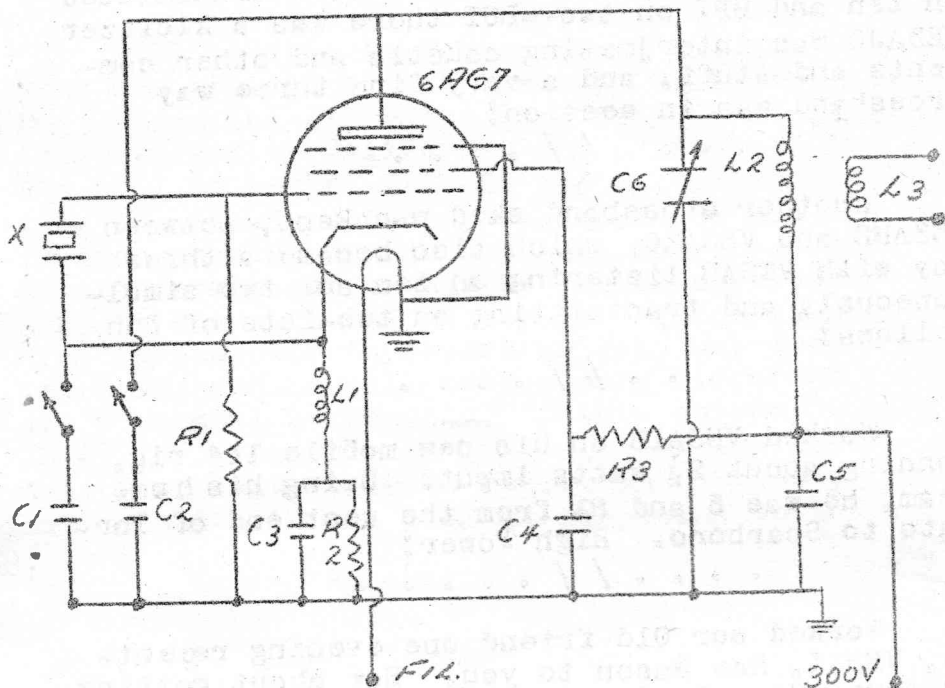
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VE3AXM, is absent from VHF until the summer vacation from U.T. Cliff has promised VHF from Scarboro for a number of years. Glad to see you back again Cliff.

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VE3J0 has begun to threaten us with M4 activity too fellows! Sure looks like the S.A.R.C.

BLILEY OSC- FOR OVERTONE XTALS



C1-50MMF R1-33000 $\frac{1}{2}$ W

C2-40MMF R2-220 Ω 1W

C3-4-5-.002 MICA R3-7500 Ω 2W

C6-30MMF VAR.

X { 28MC-7MC
50MC-12MC

L1-9T-#14 EN.CLOSE $\frac{1}{2}$ " ID { 144MC-24MC

L2-9T #14 EN.SPACE WOUND 1 DIAM $\frac{1}{2}$ " ID

L3-2T #22-SPACE WOUND 1 DIAM $\frac{1}{2}$ " ID

SWITCH CLOSED FOR 28&50MC-OPEN FOR 144MC

C1-C2-&SW1 MAY BE OMITTED FOR 144MC

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