

RAIN STATIC

(Continued)

takes a break at that time to summarize, which is a time saver on the new FM channel. Formerly it was possible to hear summaries throughout the day, which tied up the net. Downstate, Doc Franklin from Effingham complains that some operators read the weather report and messages so slow that it would be possible to have it "engraved in rock." Let's look alive!

Seems like there is a lot of foolishness going on around town in the "accident chasing" field, which oughtn't be. There is one case noted of direct cross monitoring via radio to "steal" accident calls. No self respecting radioman should be a party to such FCC rule violations.

During the day on the CW circuit one notices the diligence with which some ops get rid of QRM (interference) caused by some newcomers who use excessive calls to get lined-up. Some smart boys have been heard to inject "ZFK 40" (shift to transmit on 5140 kcs) in the appropriate place, with the result that the new boy moves to another channel to peck away at nothing, while the old timer makes his connection undisturbed, apparently with sideslapping hilarity. How many times have you "bit" before you learned your procedure lesson? For the non-CW people, that's like getting results on sending someone for a left-handed monkey wrench."

Via QPO and WOLFB at Wichita, Kansas, one hears that Gus Bennett is now with Motorola out there. Ray Groenier of RCA didn't quite make it to the Evanston Fire Dept. bid opening due to an accident. . . . If you want to see a salesman begin twitching, mention those words, "bid opening"! A wonderful American institution, *competition* — that is. Rumor is that Raytheon came back into the mobile field around New England only.

Our Bob Brown from Joliet is very much in business, being in charge of radio at Globe Aviation locally where radio controlled target aircraft is constructed. They put out a lot of work to be shot at, sez Brown.

You will probably be indifferent about it during this balmy spring weather, but the nicest mobile signal we enjoyed during January was Car 200 from Dupage County on 39.5 mcs. Car 200 is the only radio-equipped SNOW PLOW in this area and they sure kept him busy during the successive storms. He was always there and available for another rush job — quite unlike some other plows you could never find when you wanted 'em. Wonder where those guys



Now all Philadelphia firemen get 2-way radio coverage from either the main station or the new auxiliary station.

Does your city need this protection?



New auxiliary station operates four 250-watt transmitters, two channels for police, two for fire.



Two easy-to-operate consoles route calls to fire and police apparatus all over Philadelphia.

New Philadelphia 2-way radio center controls police, fire, civil defense. Provides radio coverage for any emergency.

New station remote from downtown area

Philadelphia is a safer city now, thanks to a new RCA 2-way radio center recently established in West Philadelphia, four miles from the heart of the city. Acting as an auxiliary to the main control center at City Hall, this new installation will provide emergency 2-way communications with mobile police and fire units. It will also serve as control center for civil defense.

Two-station coverage gives double protection

Both the main station and this new auxiliary station operate on the same frequency. If one fails, the other takes over. So Philadelphia is assured of extra safety in emergencies. It's all typical of RCA 2-way radio at work . . . making things safer and more efficient wherever it's used.

Is your city protected by 2-way radio?

Radio coverage of police, fire, and emergency vehicles is almost mandatory in these troubled times. And even in day-to-day operations, it can quickly save your taxpayers far more than it costs.

RCA radio easy to install-operate-maintain

Look into RCA radio for 2-way coverage in *your* city. Mobile units are compact, lightweight . . . easy to install and maintain. Performance exceeds FCC requirements. Designed and backed by RCA, world leader in radio. Nation-wide service available through RCA Service Company.

Get full story for your city—now

RCA Engineering Products
Dept. 12B
Camden, N. J.

Please send me your big, new, free, illustrated booklet, "RCA 2-way Radio for Public Safety."

Name _____
Position _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____



RADIO CORPORATION of AMERICA