

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 1st December 1985

Activity this week has been at a fairly low level with just one Medium Wave station heard at the weekend and three FM stations on Sunday only.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW

A strong carrier was noted during the late evening on Friday, but programming was not heard until 8am on Saturday. The station have confirmed that their studio location was raided by the DTI shortly before 4pm on Friday 22nd November. Various DJs have said that the DTI confiscated the record decks, tape decks, jingle machine, mixer, mics, Mark Newman's entire record collection, the Christmas cards, letters, station requests and even the station's biros and notepaper. Dave Collins reported that the DTI men didn't get the transmitter, which was said to have been "rescued" by himself and Mark Newman. They say that they have worked like Trojans to get the station back on the air for the weekend in order to assure listener's that the Under-18s Night-Out would still take place on Monday 2nd December. They announced that they were operating from a part-completed studio and worked without tape or jingle facilities for most of the weekend. The signal, although strong and well-modulated contained a slight "hum" and the microphone was very intermittent at times. In spite of all their difficulties, they appear to have managed their full 8am-4am schedule on both Saturday and Sunday

C-104 104MHz stereo FM: No mailing address noted

The station operated from noon to 6pm on Sunday with the scheduled Andy Davies/Paul Kay/John Dwyer line-up. They continue to put in a very good signal and all DJs have a pleasant, relaxed style.

WIRRAL FM 90.3MHz stereo FM: 3, Waring Avenue, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 6QH.

This station was heard "testing" with intermittent music from about 8:17pm on Sunday and began programming at 8:20pm. All programmes appear to be taped, with DJ change-over times taking place at 20 minutes past the hour. Heard were:- Stephen Davies, Kevin Palmer and Phil James, the later line-up not being noted. WFM have announced that this was to be their last Sunday broadcast. From next week they intend to operate on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.8MHz FM: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

The station opened at 6pm on Sunday with Jim Lowe "in the chair" till Tom Webb took over at about 9pm. Later change-over times and close-down time wasn't noted. They apologised for coming on the air late, due to them being unable to relay Central Radio, who hope to be back on the air next weekend. Concept Radio also announced that next weekend will see the start of their special Christmas broadcasts.

WALL THE NEWS, 28 November, 1985

Pirate radio men charged

Moreton-based pirate radio station Mersey Waves has been raided by Government officials who have confiscated £1,300-worth of equipment and hundreds of records.

Nine men from the Department of Trade and Industry pounced on

Sunday afternoon.

Two men were arrested and will appear in court next month.

• Mersey Waves says the two events the station is holding next month in New Brighton and Birkenhead will still take place.

The under-18s night out at the Golden Guinea, New Brighton will go ahead, as will the over-18s night at Atmosphere, on December 10.

Paul Jay read this article out over the air and didn't pass any comment about inaccuracies, except to confirm that the DTI raid took place on FRIDAY, not Sunday as printed.