

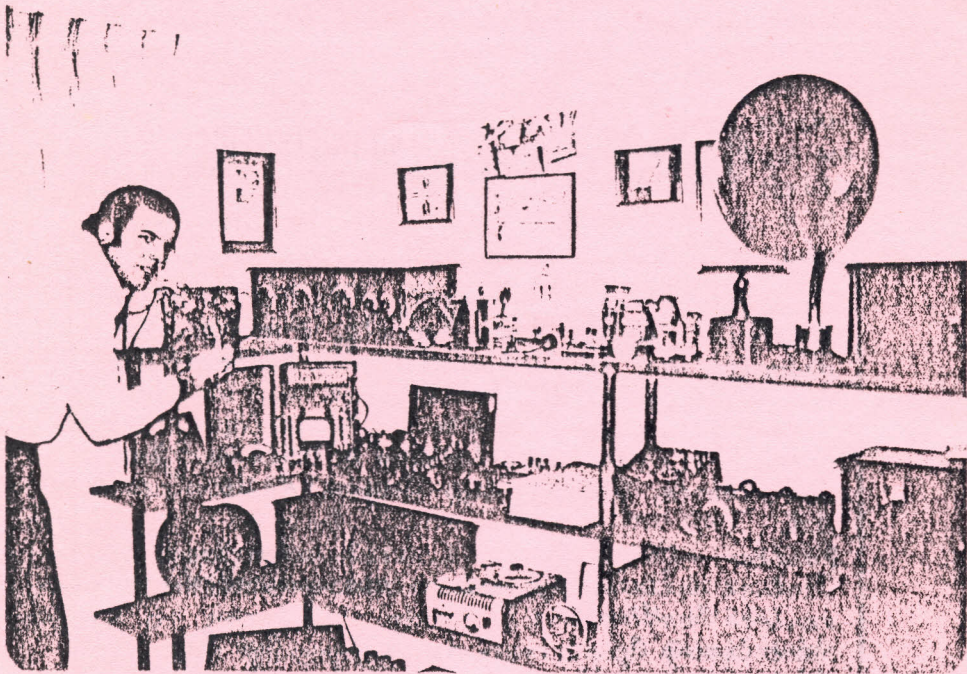
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CALL LETTERS



One of our founding members, Ron Moran, in a corner of his modest collection. Don't forget the club display at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry Oct. 6th to 14th. in the Hall of the Northwest.

***** Notice *****

The OMS9 display will be held on the scheduled date of Oct., 6 to 14. The display will be held in the same area as last time. Let's try to get a real good display out with all areas of our collections in evidence. Doug Eggert and myself will get some sort of display cards for your convenience, if our present plans bear fruit. Please notify your display chairman of your entries (or Jim Mason), also would like to hear from those with transportation available for those wishing to send consoles.

On page 6 of this Call Letter, is another item of special interest, regarding our revisions in the NWVRS constitution and addition of some by-laws necessary to insure our non-profit status etc.

The October meeting will be held at the Buena Vista clubhouse as usual, on the 13th of the month. This meet is important to all voting members. See you there.

CALL LETTER

The Call Letter is a monthly publication of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society, a non-profit organization, incorporated in the State of Oregon. Meetings of the Society are held on the second Saturday of each month, normally, at the Buena Vista clubhouse located at 16th and Jackson Streets, Oregon City, Oregon. At 10 o'clock A.M.

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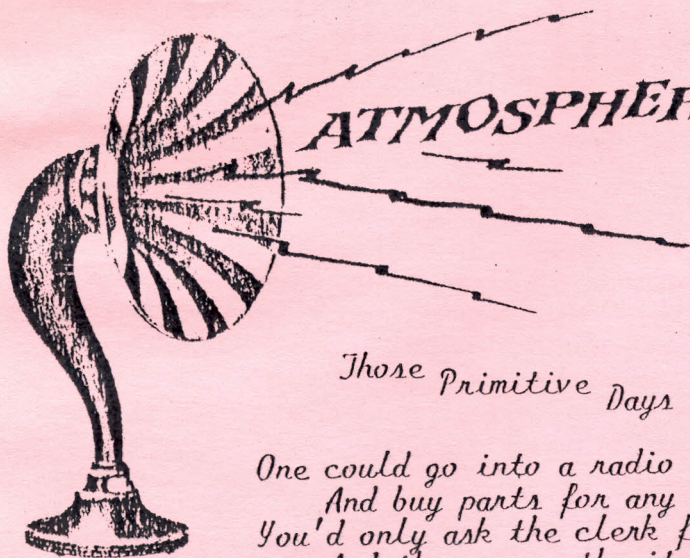
H. Tanken

A "Half Century of Radio", the theme of our September meeting, brought a nice turn out of 1929 and prior sets.

Jim Mason showed a 6 tube Jackson Bell table model and a 1929 RCA Model 44 5 tube table receiver. Joe Tompkins proudly displayed a recent find, a 1924 Colin B. Kennedy Model XV in almost mint condition. The workmanship and finish on this set are outstanding - a joy to behold in this age of plastics. Craig Hoaglin brought his 1929 AK with metal case and stand with attached speaker and Bob Campbell showed a National SW5 short wave with power supply and interchangeable coils, also a Pilot Super Wasp. So much for fifty years of radio - it was interesting.

Remember the "Good Ole Days" ... back about 1927 and '28 when Amos 'n Andy was THE number one hit show ... back when popular approval and not the Nielsen ratings was the criterion. At that time it was a daily, live, 15 minute show, aired usually at 8 P. M., with Gaylord Carter at the studio organ opening and closing with "The Perfect Song". The show reached such a peak of popularity and adoration that some theaters would interrupt their own program in order to bring Amos 'n Andy to their audiences. Some stores too would set up a loud speaker to bring the show to people in the street and a crowd usually collected. The live noon day orchestra programs from the window of a downtown furniture store were popular for a couple of seasons, about 1928 and 1929.

It was agreed that our Fall Swap Meet should be held after the regular business meeting of November 10th, at the club house. Get all your sale and trade items together. The Ladies have agreed to serve luncheon as in the past.



ATMOSPHERICA

By J

Those Primitive Days ?

*One could go into a radio store
And buy parts for any set---
You'd only ask the clerk for the items,
And those were the items you'd get.
That's the way it was---*

*Then it got so you needed a number---
The clerk that it some sort of joke
If you asked for a ten mike cap,
Or a fifteen henry choke !
That's the way it grew.*

*Now you are supposed to buy
An entire (B, N, or Hi-fi;
Who knows how to use parts ?
Except a tech or a factory guy.
That's the way it is.*

*I long for the store and it's clerk,
Who knew what the stock was for,
No messing around with long numbers,
Just a simple "I've got it" -no more.
I liked the way it was !*

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Smokeless Ponder

*Said Talking Coyote, to Minnehaha,
"Nika halo kumtux, ugh, radio wawa;
Him no use big smoke,
Him many time spoke,
Dit-dahdah, dit-dahdah, dit-dah !"*

POWER SUPPLY

By Virginia

The Buena Vista Club Ladies had their September meeting at the club house, after a two month vacation, and discussed plans for Christmas and the upcoming Community Club awards campaign. We are out to win big money this year! Belated birthday wishes were extended to one member who celebrated her 91st birthday the last of August. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16th.

Some foods just seem to go with fall and a nice pumpkin pie is one of them. Aunt Sammy sends along her favorite recipe.

PUMPKIN PIE

1½ cups cooked pumpkin	½ teaspoon allspice
1 cup milk	¼ teaspoon mace
½ cup sugar	2 eggs
1 teaspoon cinnamon	1 tablespoon butter
½ teaspoon salt	

Put all the ingredients, except the eggs and the butter, in the double boiler. Bring to the scalding point. Beat eggs well; stir a small amount of hot mixture into the eggs; stir egg mixture into the remaining hot mixture. Stir until it starts to thicken. Add the butter. Line a pie pan with pastry and bake until light brown. Pour the hot filling into the baked crust. Bake the pie in a moderately hot oven (400° F) until the filling sets.

(By the way, the mace called for in this recipe is a spice, not what the mailman carries to spray at mean dogs. It is little used now and you could substitute nutmeg or ginger).

Further notice to all club members with voting status:

It will be necessary to have a 2/3 vote in favor of the amendments and minor changes in the by-laws of the MNVRS which will be read at our next regular meeting, Oct. 13.

These amendments consist of article V, which states the disposition of assets of the MNVRS, which we intend to transfer to OMSO or other non-profit organization as designated by our Board of Directors at the time of our dissolution. This is necessary to establish our non-profit status with the IRS. Article VI clarifies membership voting rights, which are ambiguous in the by-laws as presently stated.

In the by-laws of the MNVRS are several minor changes in wordage to clarify the intent of the article. Regular Member to be deleted to read Member, for example. In the matter of dues, there is a slight change: ... shall be pro-rated on a quarterly basis according to the time a member in question joins the organization. A minor change in notification time of official by-law or amendment change, from one month to "prior to any vote thereon by members".

These small but important details are in the best interest of our club, so be sure to attend.

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On an entirely different matter I would like to make a suggestion for the "Good of the order". In the matter of committees I would think it a good policy for a chairman's report at each meeting, so as to keep the membership informed on progress in whatever area the committee was formed by the president of MNVRS. In the past some committees were lost in the shuffle, with no record of accomplishment down in the minutes. Also for the record, who is responsible for the various property items of the club?

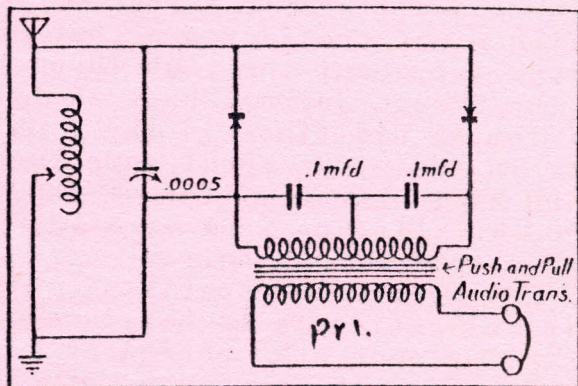
J. J.

SWAP SHOP #1

WANTED: Old 4 pin and 5 pin tube sockets and QST magazines pre 1927.
Lou Stober
7305 S.W. Beveland Rd.
Tigard, Or. 97223
Ph: 639-6075 evening
625-6196 days

WANTED: Cabinet for Federal #135; cabinet for Crosley Trirdyne; coils for SW3 National; any odd tubes and QST magazines before 1926. Will donate an SW3 cabinet to any deserving soul.
Dick Howard
9999 S. E. French Acres Dr.
Portland, Or. 97266
Ph: 775-6693

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Jus' Chewin The Fat

It occurred to me that there may be other members of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society who were asking the same questions I was about others in our club. Questions such as "I wonder what his collection consists of?" or "Does he have a specialty that he collects?" or "Is he an old timer in the club or did he just join a couple of months ago?" Well as your probable future editor I thought that it would be good to get better acquainted with the members of the club. Those of you who have asked some of the above questions may come to know some of your fellow club members a little better through what you read here and in future issues of the Call Letter. I still haven't attached a name to all of the faces that appear at our monthly meeting, so let me take this opportunity to encourage all of you who have a N.W.V.R.S. name tag to wear it. Those of you who don't already have one can order one from Craig Hoaglin for a mere \$3.50.

The process of learning the ins and outs of editing the Call Letter has given me the opportunity to become somewhat familiar with one of the old timers in the club, Tom James. Tom is one of the charter members of the N.W.V.R.S. He tells me that anyone who was a member at the end of the first year of the club's existence was considered a charter member. Tom found out about the club through an article in the Oregon Journal back in 1975. Not only is Tom an old timer in the club but an old timer in radio. He spent some twenty years working at the transmitter of KPOJ. Prior to KPOJ the station went by KALE. As far as Tom's radio collection, he says he doesn't really have any particular specialty. His main objective in collecting is to have one or more item representing each era, period or type of radio. There are probably a number of club members who have this as their objective including myself. One additional objective that I share with Tom as well as many of you is just to find radios that are reasonably old,

in reasonably good shape that don't bring about a financial catastrophe.

The five founders of the N.W.V.R.S. were Bob and Sandy Bilby, Ron Moran, Harley Perkins and Jerry Irwin. The other day I gave Ron Moran a call to get acquainted with him and to ask him some of the questions stated earlier plus a few more.

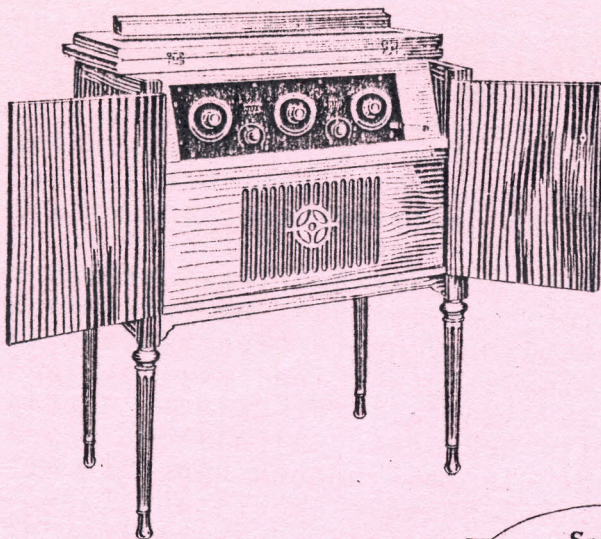
Ron tells me that he first got interested in old radios back in 1966. He ran into a fellow that was trying to give away an old Brunswick A.C. set (working) while he was out on a T.V. service call for Palmers Appliances. He says "It's been downhill all the way from there." That old talking box bug bit. He says he only has one console at present. Since he started Ron has specialized in battery sets. His other interests are old test equipment and literature. Some of his prize possessions are a Crosley PUP in working condition but complete with a couple of dents, a Radiola 3 with two WD-11s and 8 or 9 of the old Radio Boys books. He also has several of the very first pieces of transistor gear that came out. He says he came across these while working for Hawthorne Electronics.

In the past Ron has worked at installing T.V.s for Palmers Appliances. This was while he was still in high school. He worked at Hawthorne Electronics for a while, went into the fire service, went back to Hawthorne as a technician and is presently working as a fireman in Milwaukee.

As far as other interests, Ron says he's got a 28 foot antique sail boat built in 1934. It was built in Astoria by the Dyer Shipyards and designed by the Columbia River Yachting Association. In any case, it sounds like quite a boat - - or is that a ship.

Well, for those of you who would like to share your collecting experiences with the rest of the folks in the club, just corner me at the clubhouse some time or better yet give me a call on that thing Alexander came up with and you may see your name in print.

B.D.



"I have proof of bringing in San Juan, Honolulu, Havana, a station in every state in the U. S., and several stations in Canada and Mexico. One night my Radiodyne picked up Berlin, Germany, and Paris, France. A few nights previous I distinctly heard London, England. I have over 200 stations logged." E. B. HORNE, Arkadelphia, Ark.

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D.

EUROPE HALTED BY EARPHONES, SAYS NBC CHIEF

Enthusiastic over prospects of increased interchange of radio programs between Europe and America in the near future, M. H. Aylesworth, president of the National Broadcasting Company, returned from a month's intensive study of broadcasting in England and France.

"I found a universal friendliness between radio interests," said Mr. Aylesworth, "which augurs well for world-wide understanding through common information. Particularly, the English-speaking world is destined to be much more firmly cemented in the immediate future through the instrumentality of radio broadcasting."

Financing of Stations

Mr. Aylesworth found the British Broadcasting Corporation authorities highly interested in the American method of financing broadcasts through sale of part of the time to commercial clients.

"There are several variations of the methods used in Europe to finance radio," said Mr. Aylesworth, "but I find that all are giving consideration to the American method. However, at present it seems that each country has met the problem in the best way possible under its present circumstances. The business methods abroad, including use of the sponsored program, are quite different from those here."

C. W. Horn, general engineer of the National Broadcasting Company, accompanied Mr. Aylesworth on his trip to Europe, and also visited Germany and Holland to study conditions there. He remained in England, where he is studying British methods with Capt. F. F. Eckersley, chief engineer of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Compares Numbers of Sets

"England offers some peculiar problems in radio reception," Mr. Aylesworth stated. "There is a large number of small local companies furnishing electric current, with differing voltages, which makes introduction of the electric sets difficult. Both in England and France, a majority of listeners is still getting radio broadcasts by earphones. This is perhaps why there are about 2,500,000 receivers in England and only a few hundred thousand in France, as against approximately 12,000,000 in the United States."

Mr. Aylesworth was impressed with the strides England's broadcasters are making with rural education by radio.

He intimated that the United States had much to learn from England in this direction.

Building to Resemble a Tube Is Planned

The CrCo Manufacturing Company, tube makers, Providence, R. I., has acquired property at 1312 South Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, which will be used as district headquarters.

The company is thinking of erecting in Chicago of a large office building to resemble the general contour of a radio tube.

Music Bursts from Theatre Wall Pipes

Broadcast speech and music were heard in the Vernon Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y., although no receiver was consciously used. Albert Sussell, associate member of the Institute of Radio Engineers, happened to be one of the many listening in. It was not a performance for an audience, but rather a treat for those behind the stage, for the music came forth from pipes that ran in the wall.

Mr. Sussell remarked that dissimilar metals in the respective stretches of piping may have produced detection, after the fashion of metal rectifiers in A supplies and dynamic speakers. He reports feeling the pipes vibrate as a low-wave local station's programs were picked up, and hearing speaker volume with quality "not so bad," as the wall was quite a huff. But most baffling of all was the freak reception.

RCA TELEVISION TESTS WIDENED

To allow a greater period for study of television reception at various locations, especially during the evening, the daily transmission schedule of the Radio Corporation of America experimental television station, W2XBS, has been extended to include the hours of 9 to 11 p. m. E. D. S. T.

Since early in March, when the operating schedule was announced, W2XBS has been transmitting daily from 7 to 9 p. m. on a channel of from 2000-2100 kilocycles. Transmitted pictures consist of sixty horizontal lines, each divided into seventy-two elements laterally. Twenty pictures are scanned per second. The new daily schedule will permit experimenters to observe signs, photographs, and views of persons between the hours of 7 and 11 p. m.

Summer Business Large, Says Proskauer

According to Julien J. Proskauer, head of the Trutone Radio Sales Company, 114 Worth Street, New York City, the sale of AC receivers remains at a new high level for this season of the year. This is indicated by the high volume of Si-len-ser sales from all parts of the country, an analysis of these showing thousands purchased by dealers and service stations for installation with new sets sold. This is entirely aside from the sales of Si-len-ser to fans and set-builders. These installations coming in through the power line and save the dealer servicing, besides giving the customer satisfaction from the start. Hundreds of letters are received from service men by this concern, the trend showing that a new field of activity in curing line noises is opened to these men. From all indications, Mr. Proskauer figures that Summer business this year will run way ahead of previous years.

The demand for the Cr-lec-tor, recently perfected by this firm, is steadily growing, showing that a want is being filled by this new band-pass station separator. Circulars on these two products may be had. Address Mr. Proskauer. Mention RADIO WORLD.

BOARD ACTS ON PETITIONS FOR TRANSMISSION

Washington.

The following applications were granted by the Federal Radio Commission:

CrCo Manufacturing Co., Inc., Providence, R. I., W1XAC, experimental license.

Fried-Eisemann Radio Corp., Allwood, N. J., experimental visual broadcasting to operate 2,000 to 2,100 kilocycles and 4,850, to 2,950 kilocycles.

Radio Pictures, Inc., New York, N. Y., voluntary assignment from John V. L. Hogan to Radio Pictures, Inc.

Greeley Square Hotel Co., Hoboken, N. J., WMCMA, renewal of license for 30 days.

The Commission made the following changes in station assignments:

KRLD, KRLD Radio Corp., near Dallas, Tex., from dividing time with WFAA to dividing time with KTHS.

KTHS on 1,940 K.C.

KTHS, Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, Hot Springs, Ark., from 800 kilocycles to 1,040 kilocycles and from dividing time with WBPAP to dividing time with KRLD.

WFAA, Dallas News and Dallas Journal, Dallas, Tex., from 1,940 kilocycles to 800 kilocycles and from dividing time with KRLD to dividing time with WBPAP.

WBAP, Carter Publications, Inc., near Fort Worth, Tex., from dividing time with KTHS to dividing time with WFAA.

New Removal Rule

The Commission granted permission to the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., to discontinue the operation of its broadcasting station, WRUF, for the period beginning August 3, 1929, and ending September 2, 1929.

The Commission adopted the following rule:

"Hereafter applications for construction permit, modification of construction permits or station licenses involving removal of transmitting apparatus must be presented to the Commission at least thirty days before the contemplated removal."

Experimenter Group Occupies New Quarters

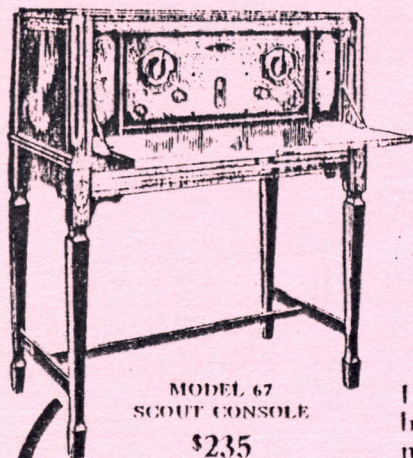
Announcement was made from the offices of the Mackinnon-Fly Publications, which recently purchased the Experimenter Group of publications for \$500,000, that the combined publications have taken new quarters at 351 Fourth Avenue, New York City. The Mackinnon-Fly group consists of "Plain Talk," "Screen Book," "Complete Detective Novel," and "Wild West Stories and Complete Novel," while the Experimenter group embraces "Radio News," "Science and Invention," "Your Body Quarterly," "Amazing Stories," "Amazing Stories Quarterly" and "Aero Mechanics."

The new home of the combined publication now occupies the entire east-end floor of the building, where each of the ten publications has separate editorial offices. The newly equipped laboratory, designed particularly for "Radio News" and "Science and Invention," is located in a corner of the floor in a sound-proof room.

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A collectors item from 1927 -

Ole!

Well the summer doldrums finally caught up with our good fortunes in the collecting game, but even so the wizard of Salem, Joey Tompkins, came up with an unbelievable tale of luck that only befalls those chosen few who wear a halo. He says he was tending to the business of moving some consoles into his newly renovated diggins, when he saw a case of some sort piled high on a garbage carrier. On suspicion (I'll call it that) he followed the truck to the next stop, and lo and behold there was this Kemper portable with instructions, battery harness, etc. He says it works fine. He also mentioned that he was a bit queasy before he completed the deal for \$25.00, and remained that way for awhile thinking how it almost got away. I read somewhere that Salem had something to do with witchcraft, do you suppose there's any connection?

In the ever popular "freeby" column, Dick Howard came up with a Federal #135, that 4 tube job with tubes exposed. However it was complete sans cabinet, but there was no mention of complaint on Dick's part. He also snagged a 1927 Airline "7". Complete with OIAs, and a very nice horn speaker, all gear in mint condition. In addition to all his happy bits of receiver collecting, he nailed a solenoid tuning coil for Lou Stober's A.K. 10B. How's that for a summer month's work?

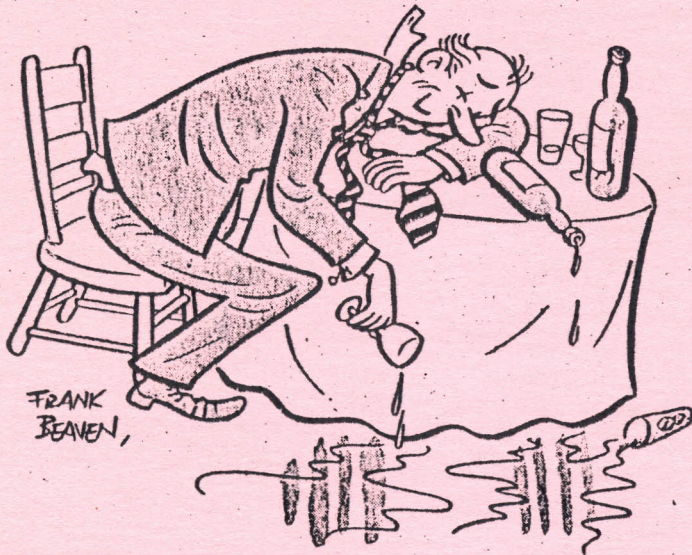
Bob Hay, your editor, and several others found the usual trickle of tubes and such trivia at flea markets and garage sales. Your editor had a fellow drop by the house the other day with a box of tubes he wanted to dispose of. Said he had taken down my name two years ago, and had taken all this time to drop by! Most of the tubes were mid-vintage radio and early J V types. Cost me about 8¢ apiece, and they were all very good.

If I've missed anyone, I'm sorry, catch you next trip, and hope for more such bonanzas in the future.

tj

CARTOON CLIPPINGS

RADIO TERM ILLUSTRATED



Saturation Point

RADIO-CRAFT for JULY, 1947



"Moscow? But how can the radio signal get through that Iron curtain?"

the IQ trimmer

by the Prof.

Edison invented the phonograph, but do you know who invented the disc phonograph machine?

The Radiolaria is a type of radio device to locate earthquake faults on the Earth's crust. (true or false)

The problem of putting voice modulation on high powered radio waves was solved by one of the following: Edison, Gernsbach, Marconi, or Heising.

The Jenkins Television Corporation placed a high powered transmitter on the air fifty years ago. (true or false).

Answers to above next month.....

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The match ups for last month's "main woman" quiz;

Andy and Sapphire	Fred Allen and Portland
Jack Benny and Mary	Fibber McGee and Molly
The Kingfish and Madam Queen	George Burns and Gracie
Henry Aldrich and Mother	

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Lucy Wyre says that the reason her set sounds so dead, is that it has received too many kilohertz lately.

Have you noticed that those \$150.00 40' consoles in the antique stores are getting more "antique" all the time? I wonder why they don't move?

SWAP SHOP #2

- FOR SALE: Tektronix Rack 511A Oscilloscope with probe and manual, in fine shape - \$200.00 or make offer in tombstones, cathedrals or ?? in '30's.
Bill DeVey
- FOR SALE: Riders Manuals, Vol. 8 thru Vol. 15 - \$50.00 or trade for Vols. 21 and up.
Bill DeVey Ph: 635-6746
16969 S.W. Tracy
Lake Grove, Or. 97034
- FOR SALE: I have nearly all older type tubes for early AC sets.
Joe Tompkins Ph: 362-8071
3796 Hulsey, S. E.
Salem, Or. 97302
- FOR TRADE: Forest service telephone for radio related items.
Art Redman Ph: 774-9913
9235 N. Kellogg
Portland, Or. 97203
- WANTED: Old tubes, crystal sets, any spark gap components.
Don Iverson Ph: 286-1144
10115 N. W. St. Helens Rd.
Portland, Or. 97231
- WANTED: Instruction manuals for Heathkit VTVM - Model V-2 and condenser checker.
Chuck Kibler Ph: 678-5066
Rt. 2 - Box 694
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