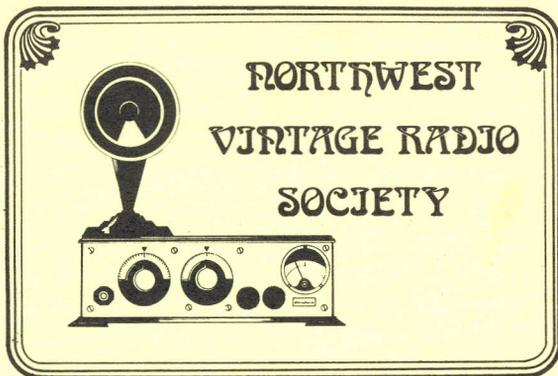
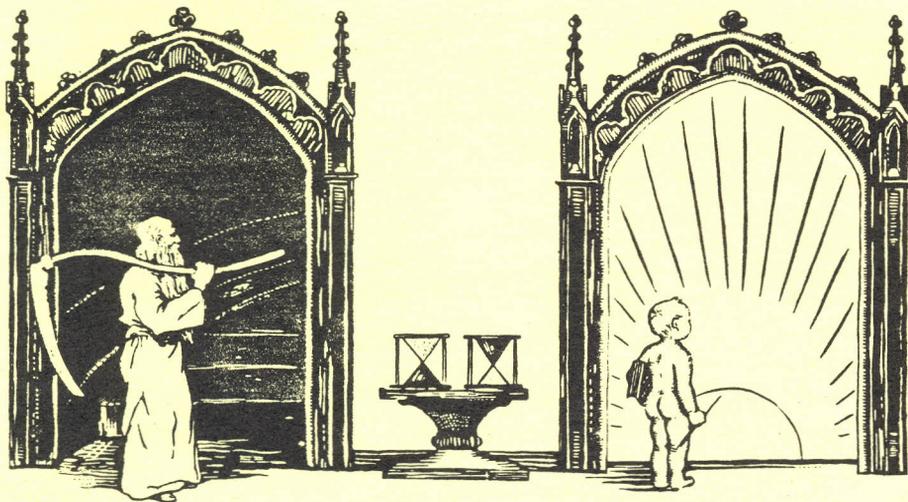


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# CALL LETTER



\*\*\*\*\* Happy New Year \*\*\*\*\*

At our January, 13th meeting, we will feature old types of audio transformers. Dig into the old "junk" box and bring out something for the "Shop-talk" session. Tj.

*Important Notice To All Members-----*

The dues structure has of necessity, been raised to cover rising costs of operation. A \$2.50 increase across the board seemed to meet the crisis. The dues as they now stand are:

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Full Membership; | \$12.50 per year. |
| Associate Mem.   | \$10.00 " "       |
| Overseas Mem.    | \$12.50 " "       |

We sincerely hope this increase does not cause anyone undue hardship, and that the membership will avail themselves of any benefits we can supply.

tj.

## 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, at ten o'clock AM, at the Buena Vista Clubhouse, Sixteenth and Jackson Sts, Oregon City, Oregon.

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# OUR PEOPLE

Congratulations are extended to our new officers for 1979. They are: President, Jim Mason; Vice President, John Wood; Treasurer, Doug Eggert; Recording Secretary, Chuck Kibler (Doug and Chuck were re-elected to their respective offices). Dick Howard was named Corresponding Secretary.

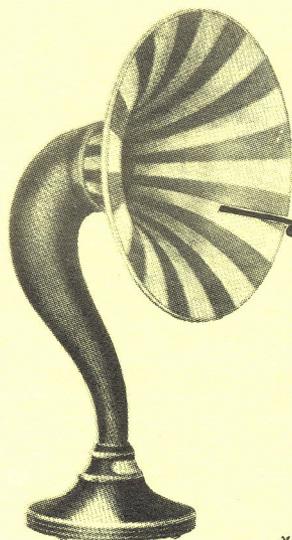
A pleasant and enjoyable party was held after the business meeting. A table, nicely decorated for Christmas, was filled with all sorts of good things to eat, courtesy of the ladies of the Power Supply. At this time small gifts were exchanged via the grab bag method.

Special thanks to Craig Hoaglin for providing a beautiful Christmas tree. A hurry-up decorating job with some garlands, ornaments and bows added just the right holiday touch to the party.

We are grateful to Joe Tompkins for displaying some unusual radios from his collection. Outstanding was a Crosley in a Queen Anne cabinet. When closed it looks like a sewing cabinet. This would seem to be one of the better efforts manufacturers had for camouflaging their radios. It is in excellent condition and Joe says the radio works good, too. Joe also displayed a Radiola III, a 1924 Signal with interchangeable coils and a 1924 Day-Fan reflex.

Right at the end of the meeting we had a surprise auction. A neighbor in the club house area offered a Philco Cathedral. Harley Perkins was the lucky bidder. Next meeting is Saturday, January 13th. Welcome the new officers with a big turn-out for the first meeting of the new year!

*H. Ranken*



# ATMOSPHERICA

By J

*Changing Scene*

*In the Golden Years, Kale and Koin  
Proudly beamed their best to the nite.  
I wonder if that old zing still remains,  
In the offerings of Kupl and Kyte?\**

*\* (two Portland radio stations who saw fit  
to change call letters.)*

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*Ho, Hum!*

*Seems as though a dollar'll fetch  
The same as ten cents uster!  
'N I din't see a blasted thing  
That's gonna up and boost 'er*

*Some blame it onto politics,  
Some on waste and such;  
Some just gripe to hear themselves;  
But I don't listen much.*

*I just tune my Browning-Drake  
To some far distant clime,  
And find the folks a-livin' there  
Have a durn sight harder time.*

*Though times are getting pretty tight--  
And we ain't seen nothin' yet,  
I'm sure gonna stick around  
To see how tough they'll get!*

# POWER SUPPLY

A big THANK YOU to all who helped make our Radio Club Christmas party so enjoyable. We were pleased to be able to have more door prizes this year and will try to keep up the good work.

New literature for the Community Club Awards was distributed at the Buena Vista Club Christmas luncheon. We now know what invoices, sales slips and labels to save. A special meeting of CCA workers will be called early in January so we can tabulate the items that have been turned in to date. The first CCA turn-in date is January 9th, the last one in March, so keep a sharp look out for those sales slips and labels gals! The next regular meeting of the Buena Vista Club will be January 16th.

Do you remember that good Boston brown bread we used to have with baked beans? Here is a recipe from Aunt Sammy's Radio Recipes.

## BOSTON BROWN BREAD

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 cup corn meal         | 3/4 cup molasses   |
| 1 cup rye meal          | 2 cups sour milk & |
| 1 cup whole wheat flour | 1½ teaspoons soda  |
| 1 teaspoon salt         | or 1 3/4 cups      |
|                         | sweet milk & 4     |
|                         | teaspoons baking   |
|                         | powder             |

Mix & sift the dry ingredients: add the molasses and the milk. Beat the mixture thoroughly. Pour the batter into a greased tin can or mold until it is about 3/4 full. Cover and steam for 3½ hours. Remove the cover and bake the bread in a moderate oven for ½ hour to dry it off. Serve hot. (1 cup raisins may be added if desired.)

V. Ranken

Members---

Need to repair or want to build an early model radio?

Many of us radio collectors, builders, or restorers share a common problem; open, unmatched, or missing audio transformers. I, for one, have at least thirty misc. audio transformers that I would like to make into matched pairs, for set building.

If all the members would get their odd types together, we could trade around to get matched pairs or an original to build or restore some of our real neat sets which just don't work.

At the Feb. meeting we could have a trade-around to get what we want. Now is the time to find in your junk box, your spare audios, then check out your sets for types needed, by style, shape, brand-name or part number.

This could be a miscellaneous parts trade fair, as a few members may wish to exchange for other pieces of radio gear; coils, caps, or whatever.

February is only a suggested date, however a month or more should be allowed to discuss needs and stock.

Happy Holidaye,

Bob Campbell

Editors note: this letter was received before we decided to have an audio transformer post-meeting show. The idea of a small parts swap has much merit for a later date. Could be discussed at the Jan. meeting. I have had a bad taste in my mouth ever since our 1st Swap Meet, since I can't find any place to put the dollars I received for old parts into any of the sick sets I have collected.

tj

L E T T E R S, cont.

to the Letter,

Most of us know that we have a large group of members we will probably never meet. These people in the out-back also receive our Letter each month. These folks can help us, and we, them if all of us will let it be known just what we need and what our surpluses are. We all have the same hobby, so lets co-operate.

Some of my best deals have been made by answering ads from a long ways off. I have a fine friend in Louisiana, we phone and write, and generally help each other with our hobby. There are others in Texas, California, and even far off Quebec. Of course I also keep in touch on the local scene too

So as long as we send out the Club news, let us not forget to make use of it's full possibilities to make for a closer knit organization to the benefit of far and near alike.

Joey  
( Joe Tompkins )

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Bob Campbell writes also, that his find of the month is a Franklin Cathedral radio which is 13 in. wide and 15 in. high. Made by Franklin Radio Co. of Newark, N. J. It is model no. 101, and has (quote) 11 Trana-whatzits to receive Standard bdcst. and F.M. It's in a cheap but attractive fibre board case.

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Our member Jim Mason is beating the stones in Peru in search of an elusive "Machu Picchu" Incadyne. He said before he left that if all went well, he would have the Club out to his house for a feed of baked Blue-footed Boobys served a-la Galapagos, in fine Darwin sauce. Of course it will depend on his ability to bribe the game warden and the customs officials! You know, Jim, if you return empty handed, we'll forgive you, and give you the "business" in the presidentt's chair!

# TUBE BANK

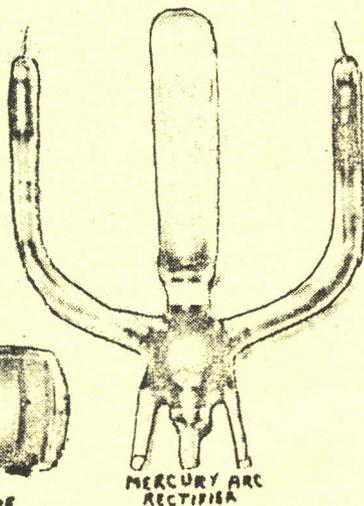
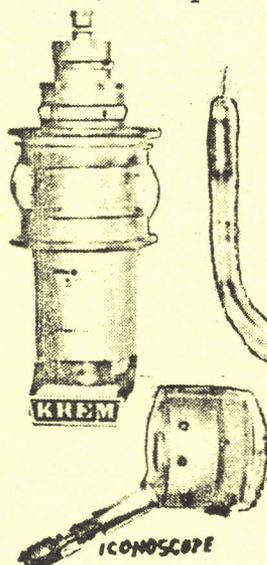
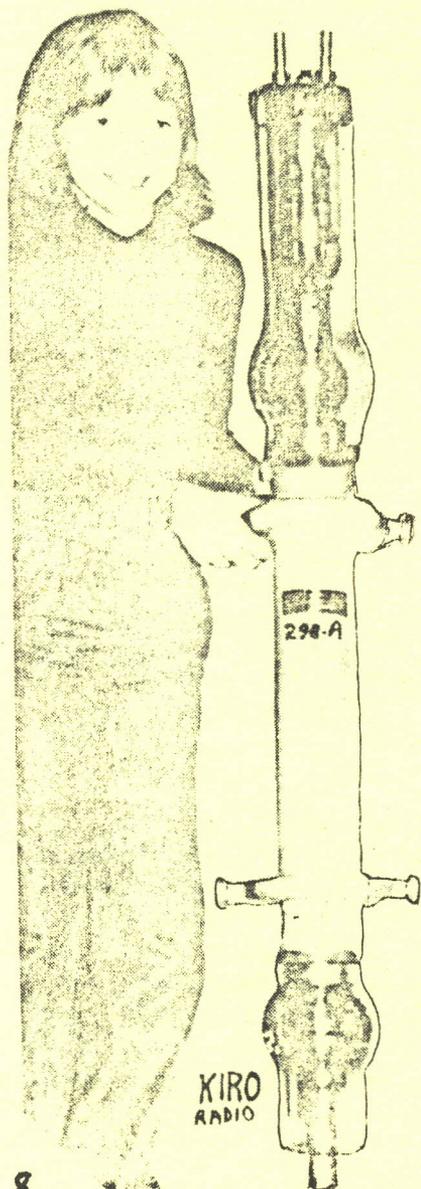
RAY KRESEK  
PHONE 466-9171

123 W. WESTVIEW  
SPOKANE, WA. 99218

As if this hobby of ours were not odd enough, with people who go digging through attics and dumps and who knows where else, there is one among all of us whose basement (and living room and kitchen and bedroom) is full of tubes, valves, jugs, bottles, or whatever those on the outside of this institution would call them.

The TUBE BANK has 20,000+ tubes FREE to any licensed ham or member of NWVRS. The method to Ray's madness is that every once in a while a jug like those shown here is offered for the museum. Odd tubes are displayed behind glass in backlighted shadow boxes for permanent protection.

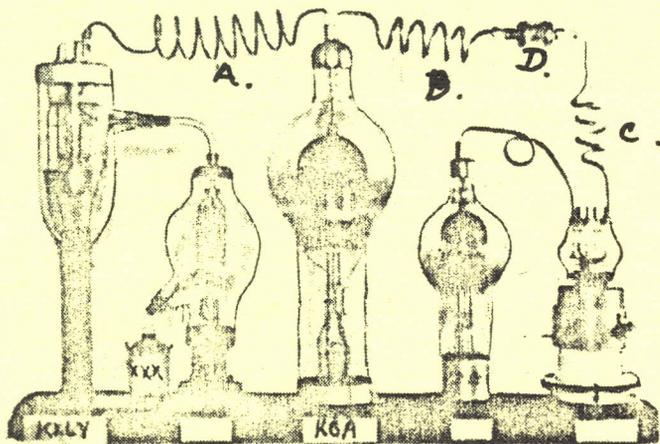
If you need a tube that was common in the 1930's or later, drop Ray a card. If



you are interested in the museum he will send a photo of the more peculiar bottles in the collection, together with an inventory list of all the unusual tubes in the museum.

Then one day, when your XYL gets tired of wiping the dust off your prized pet tub and threatens to smash it in her "trash-masher" Ray will be pleased to rescue it and enter it alongside the other rare finds in your name. Your "pet", your name as the donor, and its history will be preserved for our successors who will be collecting olde colour TV sets.

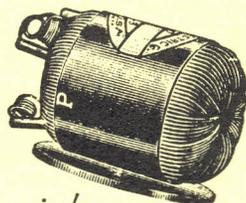
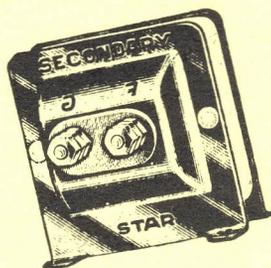
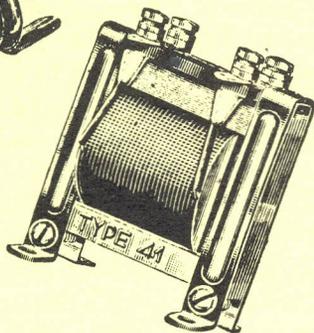
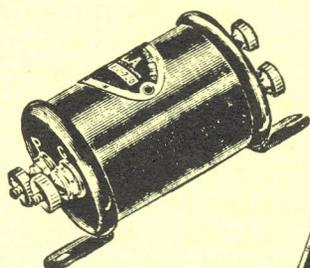
Among the tube era remnants already in the museum is the 5-foot tall KIRO final shown on the preceeding page. It once delivered the Grand Ole Opry Show from Nashville's WSM every Saturday night to homes throughout America. The Mercury Arc Rectifier once kept the batteries charged in the 1916 electric cars and trollies. The Iconoscope made television a reality in 1938. Other tubes include some of deForest's earliest audions; and one of the world's largest, a 100-pounder from the Navy's 1½-million-watt transmitter at Jim Creek. The newest is an \$18,200 traveling wave tube just pulled from the Brewster COMSAT satellite station which brings you the evening news live and in color from the far corners of the world.



PS: Someone please help us find the formula to make this one owrk .... **CONTD. OVER.**

Re: Ray's dilemma with proof of currant juice.  
 The vapor from Vt 3 and Vt 4 should go to mixer  
 valve Vt 5, thence thru coil-condenser combo to  
 water cooled Vt 1, where the ripple is filtered,  
 fed to try-ode Vt 2, here the juice is grid leak-  
 ed into pot. xxx at approx. 10 kill-o-hurts per  
 hour. Polish up the coils a bit, should be fine  
 business by Jan. 1 1980.

So much for Ray's Vintage (quote) Owrk rig.  
 Take the word of the Old Man of the Finals!



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|           |  |              |
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|           | 5 good Cathedral cases                 | @ \$ 5.00 ea |
|           | 3 AK mod. 40 metal cases               | @ \$ 5.00 ea |
|           | Kennedy slant-front case 5 tuber       | @ \$ 15.00   |
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| Wanted:   | AK mod. 82 Cath. Power transformer.    |              |
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*The following two K E X Radio station items were supplied by Mark Moore. He is doing some work on other stations here as well for later (all Letters. (ed.)*

## The Portland Telegram

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# The Portland Telegram

*News Release*

PORTLAND, OREGON

Sept. 17, 1947

RELEASE: Friday A.Ms. Sept. 19

KEX TO BROADCAST WALDPOR SALMON DERBY

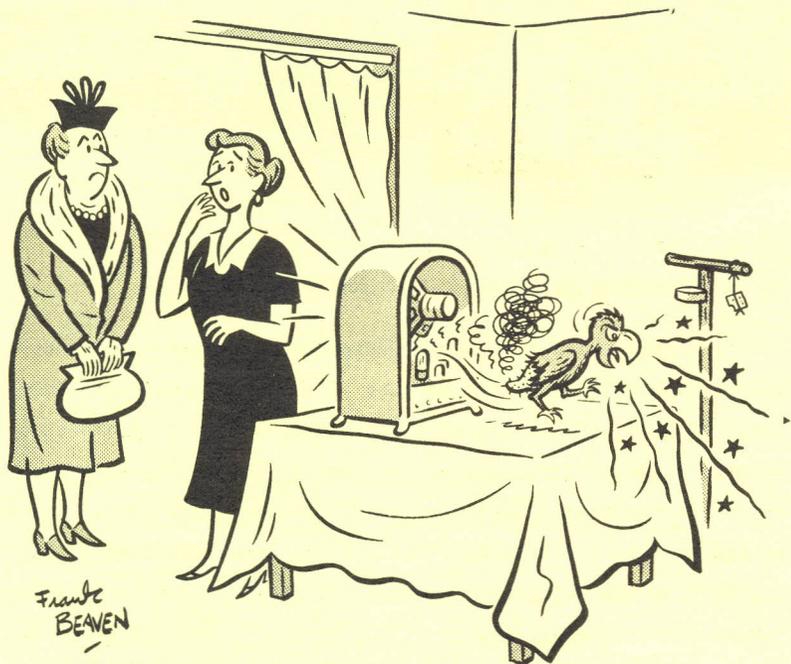
Climaxing a summer of outstanding events in outdoor Oregon, KEX will cover the opening of the annual Waldport Salmon Derby on Sept. 20 and 21, when sportsmen, celebrities and spectators, alike, join in the angler competition in Alsea River.

First in a series of 1947 outdoor summer events covered by KEX was the Portland Rose Festival in June, followed by highlights from the Multnomah County Fair, Portland's Open Golf Tournament and last week, the Pendleton Round-Up, largest rodeo in the West-- and now the Waldport Salmon Derby.

The two day inaugural activities will officially get underway with the Governor's banquet Sept. 20, when Kay West, the KEX women's program director, introduces film actors James Craig and Chill Wills. The banquet, in honor of Oregon's Governor Earl Snell, will also play host to several surprise celebrities.

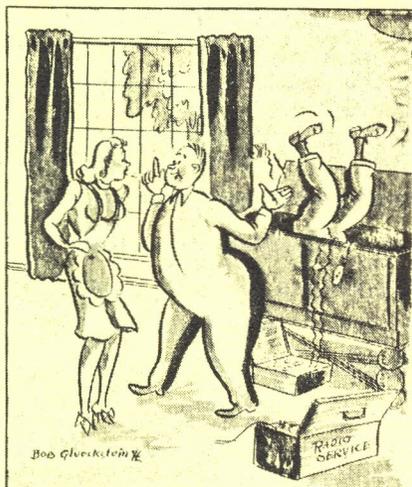
Accompanying Kay West will be the new KEX sports announcer, Barney Keep, who will cover all the main events and festivities of the exciting two day opening. A reel-to-reel account will be made, which will include interviews with the nimrod enthusiasts while they are actually baiting the quarry. On Barney's 6:00 PM Sports Show, Sept. 25, a rebroadcast of this on-the-scene report from the Waldport Salmon Derby will be aired.

# CARTOON CLIPPINGS



Frank  
BEAVEN

"Goodness! They shouldn't permit such language on the radio!"



Bob Gluckstein

"Don't worry Ma'm, Jones is our best man. He goes in there and fights!"

by Glenn

Scrambled Words--  
All names of Vintage Radio Audio Transformers.

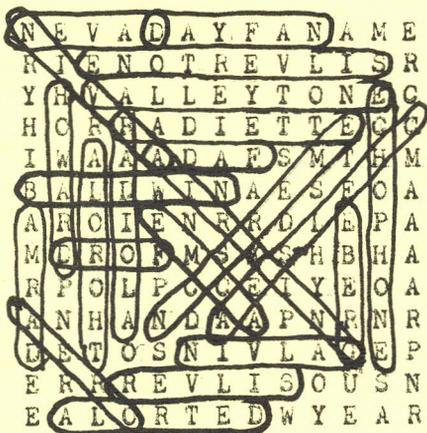
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Lal Rarcimea  
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Ans. next month.

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Your editor made a few errors in last months puzzle. If you add Radiola, and delete Bosch and Airline, it is OK. The message is: A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. This is the way your December puzzle should look, solved.



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Wanted: Sam's Photofact Auto Radio Manual  
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# SWAP SHOP

*Compiled by Hugh Ranken*

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