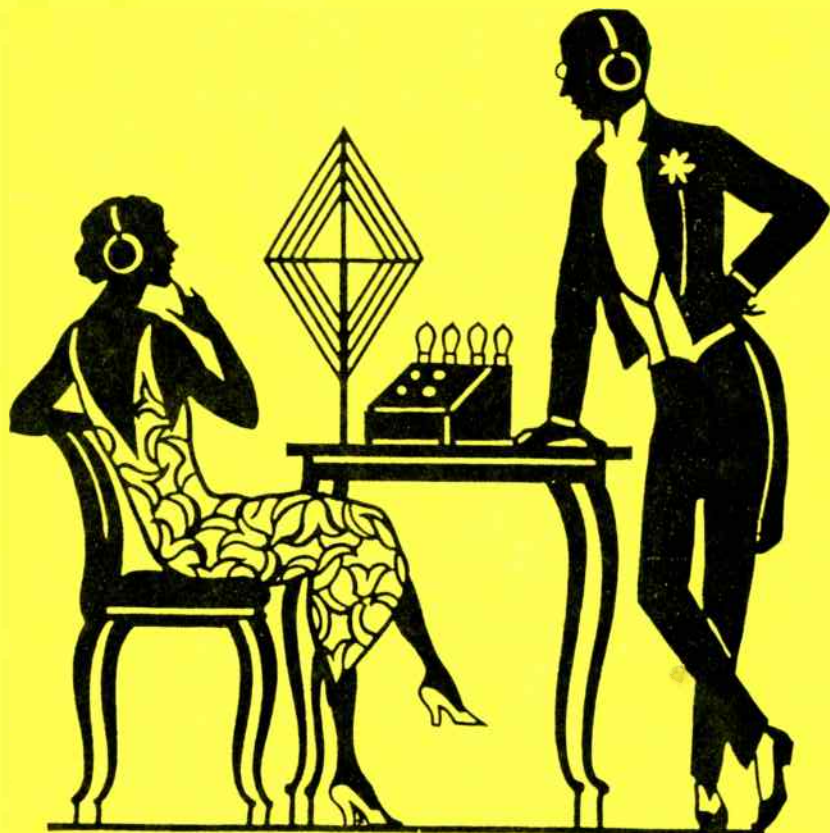


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President's Page

Hello IHRS Members ! It's hard to believe, but three fourths of this year is already gone. I hope that many of you have picked up some goodies this summer. I'm currently waiting on an early MIRROR-IN-THE-LID Sparton TV chassis to show up in the Mall.

Ross Smith and the museum committee have worked very hard to clean out the IHRS owned radios from Auburn. The fact that the ACD Museum no longer has room for our display has presented us with some questions that need answers.

We currently own 31 display cases. They are in storage at a U-Store-It location in Auburn. We will continue paying storage fees until we decide what to do with them. Ideally we would like to open a new display, but, as of this writing there are no good prospects for a new location.

If we rush to dispose of them, we will miss the chance to use them again. The Society runs on a break even basis, so storing the cases for months does not seem very practicle.

I am asking you now for your input! We will decide what to do with them at the October meet in Terre Haute. However, it is necessary to have a few options to choose from at that time. Please think about it and drop me a card with your suggestions.

We must also decide what to do with the radios etc., that are part of the museum display. I will be on the lookout for a new location.

See you in Terre Haute!

Eric

FROM THE EDITOR

It is hard to realize that it is time for for Bulletin number 3 to be published. Most of you know about my medical problems that started on April 28, when I had emergency surgery for a detached retina in my right eye. I had some problems including two blood clots which resulted in two 2 week stays in two different hospitals. I am fine now, but must guard against another blood clot in my right leg.

Coupled with the 5 years I've been the Editor of the Bulletin, and my medical problems I find it necessary to present my resignation as Editor to the officers and members of the IHRS. I will publish this and one more Bulletin in 1990.

MECK-SCOTT BOOKLET

All members that attended our Spring Meet in Plymouth, IN should have received a 40 page booklet showing products and the manufacturing facilities of John Meck Industries, Inc. These booklets were based on photographs supplied by our member John Kellar. They were paid for by the IHRS and John Kellar.

Since the list of who picked up their booklet is incomplete, and I am not sure who has one, this is what I am going to do. If you want the 40 page pictorial history of Meck-Scott send me a postal card with your name and address and state that you want a booklet. There will be no charge for it or shipping. If I do not receive a card you will not receive the booklet.

REPORT on MID-SUMMER MEET

As Reported by Glenn Fitch, Chairman

The mid-summer meet of the I H R S was held in June in Indianapolis, IN. Attendance was somewhat disappointing since the weather didn't cooperate, but instead of sunshine we had cool, rainy weather.

It may have been just as well that attendance was low because the large room that was to have been made available to the IHRS had flooded on Wednesday due to heavy rains and their sump pump had quit working. They took the carpet out Saturday noon, and as the van drove away, water was dripping from the back of the van. After all the expenses were paid we should come out about \$175.00 to the good.

Although the weather forced us to stay inside there were plenty of chairs so the members were able to sit around and talk. At the same time several pieces of equipment changed hands.

We had a small but enthusiastic group for our movie and slide show Friday night. we had two Laurel and Hardy movies and two AWA slide shows, one was 70 years of radio tubes and the other was on the AWA Museum.

In our contest on Saturday, Vivian Saxton's violin shaped Emerson radio won First place. The cabinet was in beautiful original condition. Second place went to a new member Bob Piekarz's excellent refinished Philco Jr. cathedral, although George Hausske's early 30's Grunow compact with chrome grill made it a difficult choice. Third place went to another new member, Bill Morris' original condition Raytheon T2500 Transistor radio. He told us that it was the first Transistor model made by Raytheon.

Report on Informal Meeting

A summary of the topics discussed at an informal meeting follows.

Several different ideas were informally discussed at the meeting and President Eric Sanders suggested that I write about them and ask the rest of our members for comments. Please do write to me and let me know how you feel about them. (My address is at the end of these notes).

One of the most often expressed topics was about space and access. Some members suggested using the Fairgrounds and others suggested the Marion County Fairgrounds. They liked the idea of driving into a large building or shelter and being able to set up without having to carry things a long way or having to worry about the weather. I will check on availability and cost. The next most often heard suggestion was to have our main meet in the Indianapolis area. since we no longer have museum space in Auburn, many felt that we should try to find space in central Indiana and also hold our big meet there. It wouldn't be much farther, if any, for our Illinois members, but it would be farther for our friends from Michigan and northern Ohio.

Our efforts to get more space at the Indiana State Museum have come to nought. They could give us a little more space perhaps than they now have for radios, but not enough to make a difference.

REPORT, continued

A new museum will not be built in White River Park for 5 years and even, then, there are people lining up for the old museum space. I've wondered about finding an old church or school that could have apartment space for a caretaker at no charge. Some of these buildings are donated to tax exempt Organizations.

Another hot item discussed, was the size of the club and dealers. Some of our members have chosen radios and flea markets as a way to make a living. Even some of our retired members do this. Should they be excluded from the club because they are dealers as well as collectors? Of course some dealers are dealers only and not collectors. My personal view is that dealers as well as club auctions, help us establish the worth of our collections. They are also a source of supply. I don't buy much from the obvious dealers myself since I'm too cheap and their prices are too high. One idea is to have a club within a club such as the Shriners an Forty & eight. Another idea that I favor is to have all our meets , except the big meet, restricted to what could be carried in the trunk of a car. This way more time would be spent in socializing than in trading.

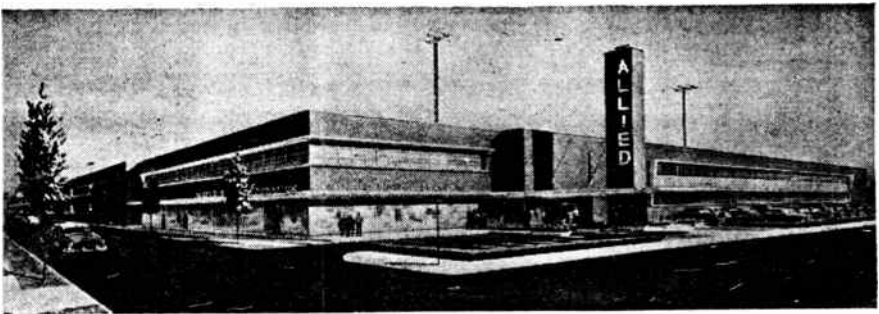
One last topic---how many meetings should we have each year and when should we have them? Also what size and how long should they last? E are having our big meet in early May; Ohio & ARCA in June; Michigan MARC in July; Elgin in August; and AWA in September. That is one large meet every month during the summer in our area. Our February meet is growing in size and interest., but after a long cold winter

REPORT, continued

everyone wants to get out. The Holiday Inn this past February was just about at its limit. Since not everyone wants to drive some of the distances involved to the other area large meets, maybe we should just have smaller trunk size meets during the summer and fall with pitch-in food and drink. This would take care of how commercial we should get. Our May meet could stay large and open then.

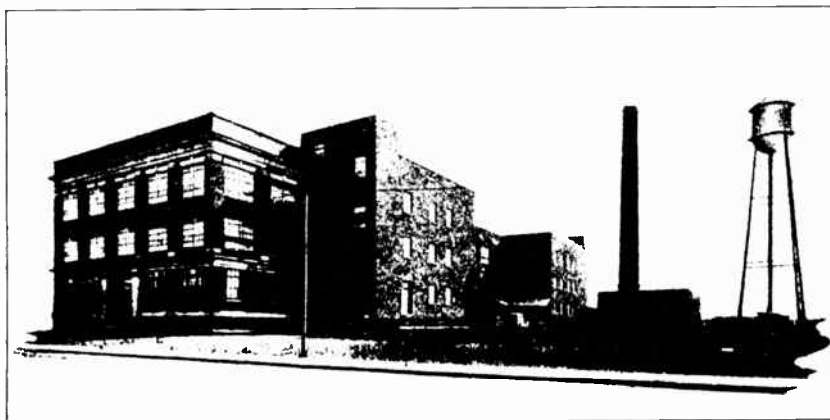
Please forward your comments, positive ones if possible, and if you believe in the adage "if it ain't broke don't fix it", let us know that also. Write me : Glenn Fitch, Box 246, Carthage, IN 46115.

Allied Radio Corporation, one of the leading national distributors of electronic parts and equipment, is building a new \$2,000,000 home at Washington Blvd. and Western Avenue in Chicago. The new location will give the firm 150,000 square feet of floor area in which to handle an anticipated 25,000 items. A system of conveyor belts, chutes, and electronic controls will move orders and merchandise quickly from one section to another. The building is expected to be ready by summer.



This news release was printed in a 1953 magazine. Does any of our members know if this building was ever built? I don't remember what year Allied Radio went out of business, but it must have been between 1975 and 1980. If any one has this information I would appreciate a copy of it. Send it to Jim Fred, Editor.

INDUSTRY NEWS & NOTES

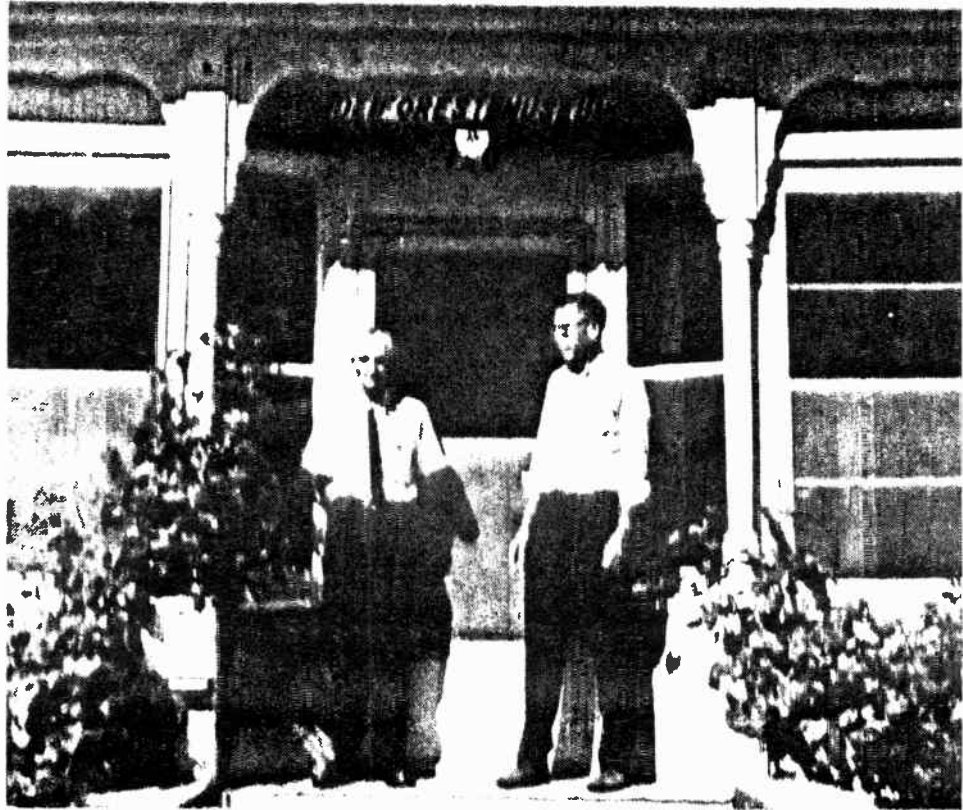


From Radio Engineering magazine for June 1929.

P R Mallory & Co., of which Elkon, Inc., and Knapp Electric Co. are divisions, announces the purchase of a new all fire proof four story building in Indianapolis, IN.

From the Indianapolis Star recently.

MALLORY MOVING--- Mallory Timers, a division of Black & Decker, is moving its sales, purchasing, and engineering group offices to a build-to-suit building in the Water-front Office Park on the city's Far Westside. The building has 53,738 square feet of space, and Mallory is scheduled to move in the fall.



Art Trauffer and your Editor (some what younger) standing in front of the Trauffer DeForest museum.

MEMORABLE MEN OF RADIO

One man who deserves to be remembered for his contribution to radio collecting and replica radio building is Arthur Trauffer, better known as Art Trauffer.

Art was born in Switzerland and his only known relative was a sister who lived in or near Fort Wayne, IN. I only knew him from letters we exchanged and one face to face meeting we had when I went to Council Bluffs, IA to see him. During WWII he was a radio materials Inspector. I do not know whether he worked for the War Department or for private Industry.

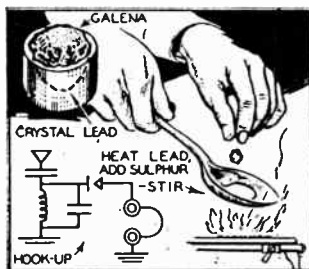
I remember the many half page, one page, and sometime 2 page magazine articles he wrote. Most of his short articles usually described some radio related item you could make from an easily obtained household item. For about a year Radio Shack a magazine. It started out as Electronics Digest and for one month it was called Leisure Electronics. Art had an article in nearly every issue, usually it told how he had made a replica of a 1920's radio.

His one consuming passion was Lee DeForest. The front room of his tiny apartment was a DeForest Museum. He influenced the School Board to name a school the DeForest Elementary School. Before he died he gave the contents of his DeForest Museum to a new museum established in the Union Depot in Omaha, NE. I hope the material is still there. Most of you remember that Lee DeForest was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

EXPERIMENTING WITH ELECTRICITY

Heat Lead and Sulphur to Make Radio Crystals

CRYSTALS of the galena type, used extensively a few years back for crystal radio receivers, can be made in a few minutes by radio experimenters. Only a small piece of lead and about a gram of sulphur are needed. Place a piece of lead about the size of a pea in an old teaspoon, heat until the lead melts, then add one gram of sulphur and stir the mixture with a piece of wire. Allow to cool, and use the resulting black metal exactly as you would a crystal.—C. K. Jones.



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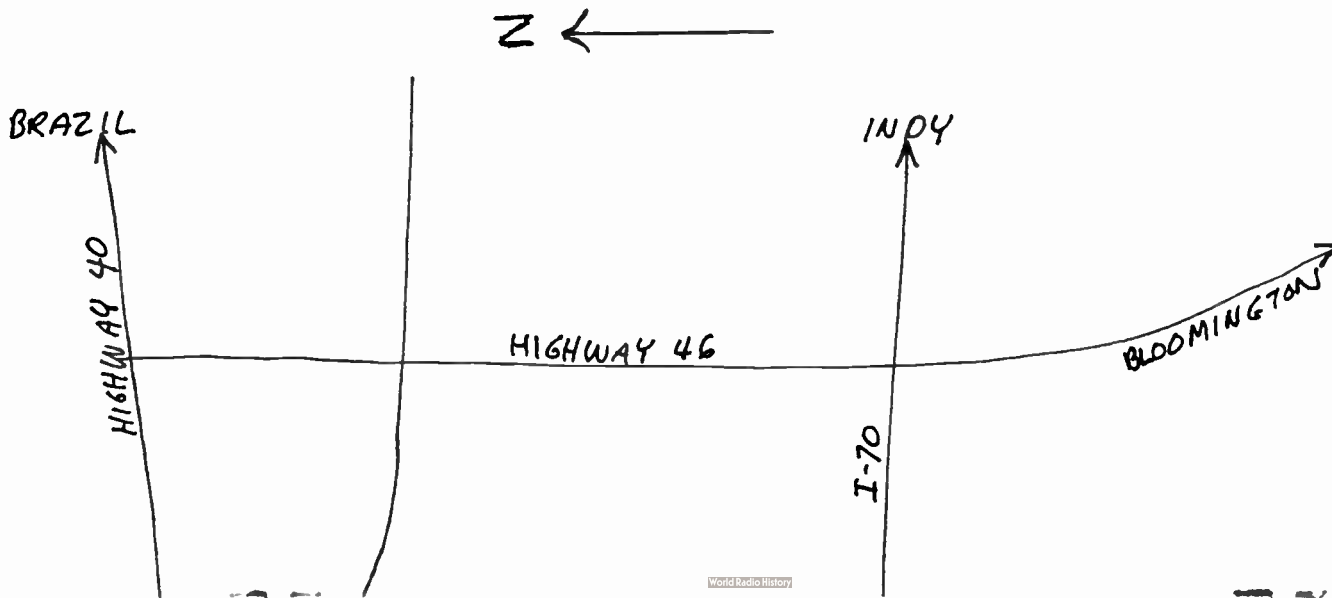
IHRS FALL MEET

TERRE HAUTE - DEMING PARK

TORNER CENTERS - FT. HARRISON ROOM

9 am - 2 pm Saturday, October 6, 1990

CARRY-IN LUNCH - Bring 1 dish to share and your own plates,
silverware, & beverage



A Letter to the President

I just received your Bulletin for June and I took exception to your article, " To deal or not to deal ". I am an antique dealer and I have sold vintage radios at shows around Indiana, several to IHRS members. It was because of this, that I became interested in old radios, and decided to join the Society.

When I joined the society, I wasn't aware of restrictions in membership. If this is the society policy, why are the Swap Meets open to everyone?

I'm sure you want your collections to be of some value, but you'r saying, you don't want to pay anything to get it.

If a collector wasn't willing to pay, the dealer couldn't sell it. The collectors are what drives the price up.

If there was no market for old radios, they would be thrown away and lost forever.

If I'm mistaken in my views, please let me know.

IHRS Member,

Name withheld

Our Presidents Answer

Dear Name withheld:

Thank you for your response regarding
" To deal or not to deal :.

The intent of the article was simply to bring the discussion of dealing, speculating, and collecting out into the open. I believe I stated in the article that the club does not prevent dealers from joining IHRS. Nor do I support restrictions to prevent dealers from joining IHRS.

Evidently, you interpreted the article to say that dealers are not welcome. This assumes that an antique dealer cannot be a collector. I do not believe I do not believe I said that. To assume that all antique dealers are not interested in historical preservation is foolish. Most antique dealers must have some appreciation for old items or they would probably be in a different line of work.

However I do have reservations about encouraging speculation of antique radios. A speculator who uses his knowledge of the relative values of radios to selectively purchase and resell them also encourages the loss of sets when the market value is not worth the hassle of handling them.

Motivation for acquiring radios is to me a real question. If the sole motivation for buying and selling radios is to gain wealth, how does that benefit the collector?

ANSWER, continued

You seem to feel that collectors are also motivated to acquire radios because of market value. I agree to the extent that few of us enjoy the luxury of throwing hard earned money down a hole. I expect to have to pay a competitive price for a radio. I do not expect any favors when paying for a set because of my association with IHRS. I believe the danger exists that a speculator may take advantage of the Society by purchasing a radio at one of our meets for a competitive price and then resell it at an inflated price to a gullible general public.

Anyone who has been at an auction where a radio went too high has seen an enthusiastic novice pay twice the going rate does this mean the radio doubled in value because someone was foolish enough to pay it?

The point is, as with anything old and interesting at an antique mall, the general public is often willing to pay more than the "FAIR" market value for a radio. As antique dealers often do not stay abreast of radio values, they are as likely to overcharge as undercharge. The perceptions of the general public are thus tainted as to the values of radios because of mall show pricing.

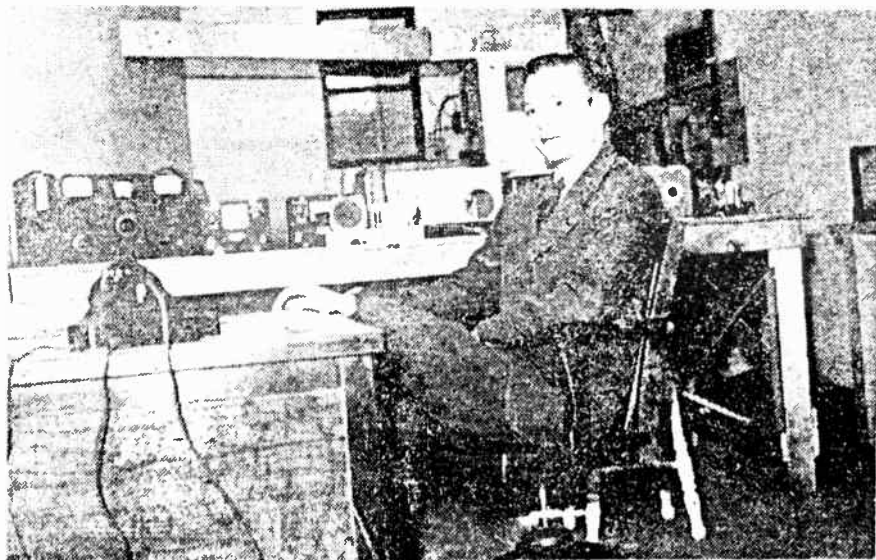
I went to an antique show at the fairgrounds in Indy recently and saw at least ten catlin radios. None of these radios were priced below \$450.00. I believe they were all overpriced. Other coll-

ectors must have thought so too as I went the second day of the show and all these sets remained.

I'm glad that I do not collect catlins! A new collector would have great difficulty collecting these radios unless they were wealthy. I do not credit the inflated prices for catlins to collectors. I credit these prices to the publicity given them in publications distributed among antique dealers, published books, and calendars sold in bookstores and at shows.

I feel that the catlin market is ripe with speculators. I only hope that the majority of collectible radios remain hidden from the speculator's view.

Eric Sanders



E. THOMPSON, chief engineer, Decorah, in his office on West Water street.



August 25, 1990

AUBURN MUSEUM CLOSING

After fourteen years in the north-west wing of the second floor of the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum, our IHRS Radio Museum is now closed.

I want to thank all of the members who helped in this difficult task. The first closing was on Thursday, June 21 st. Those helping in the identification and moving were Ed Taylor, John Foell, George Capen, Del Barrett and your chairman.

The next moving day was on Thursday, August 2 nd. Terry Eunn and your chairman moved and stored eleven IHRS owned radios to the Auburn Self Storage.

The third move was on Tuesday, August 14 th. Terry Eunn, Charles Miller and your chairman moved 19 glass show cases and stored them at Auburn Self Storage.

There are twelve show cases left at the A-C-D Museum that will need to be stored, sold or sent to Madison for our proposed Southern Indiana Museum. Two of the twelve are right angle cases which will be very difficult and expensive to move and store. Perhaps we should leave them at A-C-D as a token of our appreciation for the hosting of our museum.

Ross Smith

Temporary Chairman

IHRS Museum Committee

HAVE YOU READ ?

by Ed Taylor D. Sc. E. E.



GOLDEN CLASSICS OF YESTERYEAR

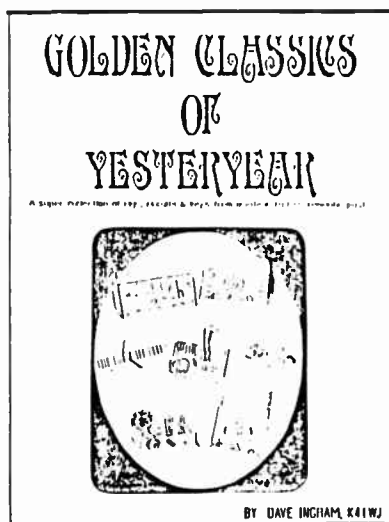
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The text covers the almost forgotten "collectors specials" i.e. TNT, T-20/Hartley, SW-3, FB-7 and many other types of old amateur gear including a few paragraphs on scanning disc television.

Author and CQ columnist Dave Ingram, K4TWJ, has been active in amateur radio for over a quarter century.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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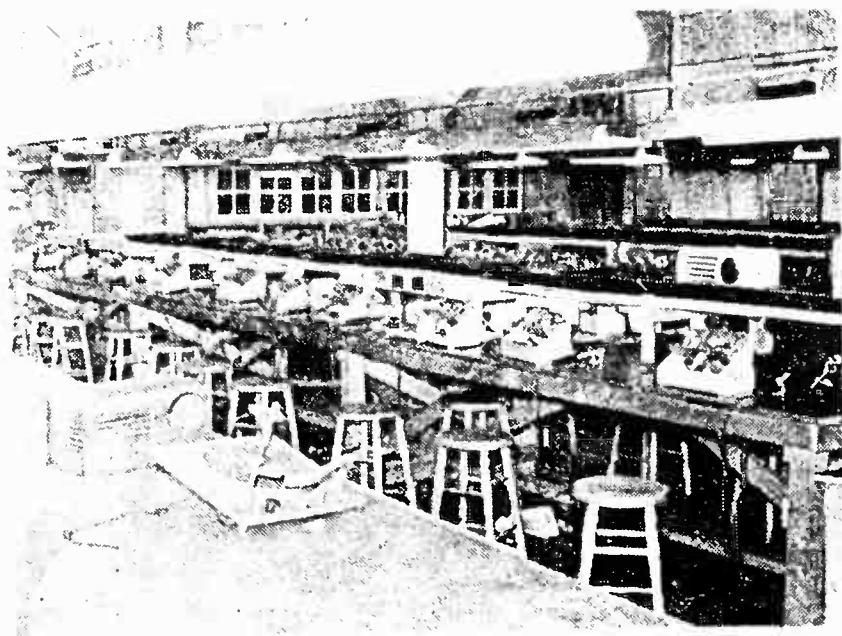
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LEWIS COE, chief production engineer, at Decorah main office.



General view of radio assembly department in the main Decorah plant.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

(happy news to share with all IHRS Members)

Margaret Dryden and Weldon Hook were married in the Utica, Indiana, Baptist Church on October 25, 1940, and they started married life on their 40 acre farm in a cabin Weldon built for their two-month honeymoon.

Margaret and Weldon have six children, who have their own families. In order of their birth: David with 4 children and 5 grandchildren; Joseph with 3 children; Gene has 2 children; Larry has 6 children; Leslie has 3 children and he is a member of IHRS; and, last but not least, the daughter, Lois, who has 3 children. Lois calls herself the 'caboose' and provided the details for this article. Five brothers! Lucky Lois!

David lives in Arizona. The other five live in Jennings Co. Isn't that wonderful in this day and age -- 6 children, 21 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren; 22 live near Granddad and Grandmother!

The Hooks have always been a Jennings Co. Farm Family. Weldon's hobby is radios and related items. In addition to doting on grandchildren, Margaret's hobbies include crocheting and original hand crafts. Each grandchild received a quilt from Grandmother.

The children are planning a Golden Wedding Anniversary Reception to be held at the Grayford Road Baptist Church, North Vernon, Indiana.

Margaret and Weldon, we wish that you may have many, many more years to enjoy your fruits. Congratulations on a job well done.

*Best Wishes,
IHRS Friends*

(IHRS Members: You want to send a card of congratulations? Address: R. 2, Box 229, North Vernon, Indiana 47165)

RADIOADS

FOR SALE: Repro Caps for Neutrowound radios, \$5.75 each plus UPS, or a set of six for \$32.00 plus UPS. Carl H. Knipfel, R 3, Veterans Road, Morton, IL 61550. (I have no Phone).

WANTED: Garod V, Gilfillan GN2 and AK50. Need these items to complete restoration Dubilier "Duratron" R. F. Trans. 225-550 meters, Western Electric tubes, 2 205 D or E, two 231, two 264, Stylus for Edison Diamond disc reproducer, 1 Crosley audio trans., for 52, open winding OK, Haynes-Griffin IF trans. ITEMS for SALE or TRADE: V G lid for Radiola 60, battery cable for Radiola 28, like new, 2 Ion Gauge tubes RCA 1949 for use in high vacuum systems to measure degree of vacuum. What can be used to separate tube base from glass envelope? Tad Drogoski, 507 Coal Valley Rd., Clairton, PA 15025.

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