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of the month; Bob Bilbie, 295 S. Knott St.,
Canby, Ore., 97013, Thank you.....

Well hello again guys & dolls, we are back at the helm again for another year of informative, and we hope, enjoyable writing for all of you. Vacations are wonderful but there is really no place like home. After 4700 miles in 7 western states, we crossed the California line into Oregon, and almost unbelievably it began to rain, stopped the car, got out into it and became very pleasantly "drenched"! Radio is very big in the Denver area, and perhaps the biggest surprise of all was seeing 1940's, push-button consoles selling for up to \$185 in good condition and an apparent waiting line a mile long to get one!! (They call them "juke-box" radios back there) Of all the states along our way, Wyoming had the least number and interest in antique radios. We did get our share however, and some will be available to club members in the future after they are restored. Denver has a newly formed radio club, but we were unable to locate anyone to exchange views with. If you plan to collect in California my advice to you is - forget it - prices are orbiting the moon already, so you can be thankful that here in Oregon there are still some old gems that we can still afford. Well, enough of this trivia, if you have any questions, will be more than happy to answer them at the next meeting.....



Speaking of the next meeting, Bob Campbell, our able president, has suggested that you all bring a picnic lunch with you, and we can have Fall Get-together after business has been taken care of. Of course the next meeting is on Sept. the 11th, 10am, at the Buena Vista Clubhouse, 17th & Jackson, Oregon City, Ore. My, doesn't food taste good when you are close to nature, and among dear friends? I have not seen some of you in so long, that we can hardly wait for our next shin-dig!

Would like to take this opportunity to offer congrats to one of our charter members, who unfortunately, is no longer a member of the club, Woody Woodruff, of Beaver Creek, who so thoughtfully gave Jerry & Nina Irwin, a going away dinner. We miss Woody, and we will also miss Jerry & Nina. May our paths cross again in this very short episode called life!

For those new members whom I have not met as yet, we say hello, and sincerely hope you all enjoy your association in the best radio club in America!

Also want to thank our secretary, Mark Moore, for his better than excellent job on last month's Newsletter, in your editor's absence. It was well conceived, ably written, and superbly printed. With talented and dedicated members like these our club is in very good hands..... Thank you, Mark!



S U P E R T R O N

A SERIAL NUMBER GUARANTEE



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The numerous illustrations used in this issue were taken from Gernsbacks' Radio News of April, '27

Incidentally, anyone out there who is having some difficulty in obtaining coils and condensers for a Freshman Masterpiece, take heart, for your old editor may be able to help you. Purchased an attic out from a shop that had been in business since 1926, over in Seaview, Wash. and got many old wooden boxes containing many old battery set parts with the emphasis on Freshman Radio. Also got a neat Long Batt. set and rare Amrad cathedral type speaker. A good find to say the least!! Call 266-5338

Would again like to suggest the members to send in info on their monthly finds, so the rest of the fellas in the club can share in your joy, too. Realize items are getting extremely hard to find but someone out there is coming up with good stuff---would you let us share in it??

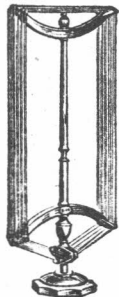
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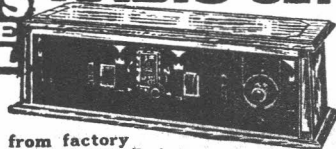
THE TRUTH

Mr. Young finds radios, forsooth;
(He's a sensitive sort of a slueth)
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And like what ee's got,
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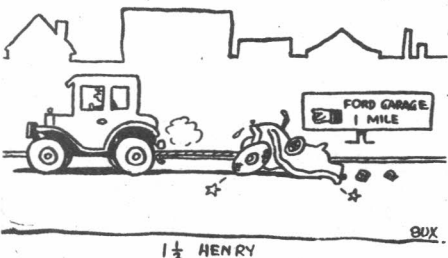
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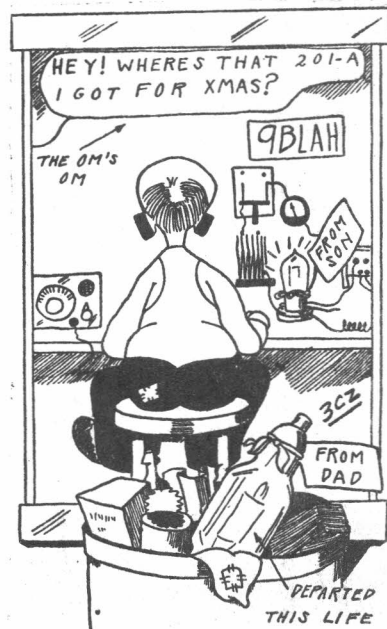
PLUMB DUMB

A Canadian we met, while out drumming,
Said two "valves" would get his set humming.
The Gonshorowskis brot four,
Don Iverson more;
But the threads didn't match with the plumbing!



LUCY WYRE said she couldn't keep her set in tune because the PITCH kept leaking out the bottom!

T/J 73's



WANT ADS

By Alan Shadduck, a shadowgraph tuning unit for a Philco Model I6B, desperately!!

By Bob Campbell, a trimmer condenser for CROSLY battery, in which the rotating mechanism is thumb operated (Battery Radio, ED.)

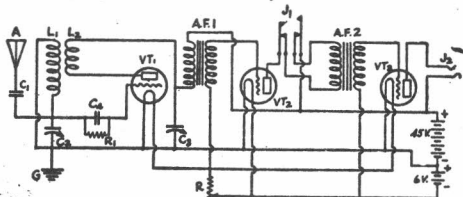
By Bob Bilbie-needs help from members, who would be glad to help out each month on the Newsletter, by sending in info of any kind suitable for publication, preferably unusual finds and info on obscure companies..... Don Iverson would like TUBES, TUBES and more TUBES!! PETE YOUNG informs us that he still has a few radios left for sale and they are priced right, too!

Here are a couple of old time battery set schematics you might like to play around with. They are from QSL magazine, dated March, 1926:

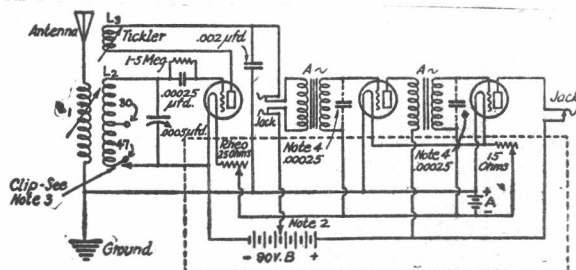


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These look like interesting little 3 tubers, have the rest of the article if you run into a problem!!



CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF THE RECEIVER
 C1 Antenna coupling condenser. Two 3/4" copper discs spaced 1/8".
 C2 Karas 5 plate condenser SFL max. capacity .000972 mfd.-secondary tuning.
 C3 National 11 plate condenser—regeneration control.
 C4 Grid condenser of fixed mica. .000125 mfd.
 R1 Daven 7 meg. grid leak.
 R General Radio 10 ohm rheostat.
 J1-J2 Frost jacks.
 VT1-2-3 Cunningham C302A tubes.
 AFL-2 Thordarson 3 1/2 to 1 a. f. transformers.
 L1 for 80 m. 24 turns L2 5 turns.
 L1 for 40 m. 10 turns L2 3 turns.
 L1 for 20 m. 4 turns L2 2 turns.
 L1 No. 16 enamel wire 3" diam. spaced 1/8" supported by paraffined maple strips.
 L2 No. 22 enamel wire 2 1/4" diam. wound on short bakelite tube.



CIRCUIT DIAGRAM
 L1—Antenna coil 20 turns 2 1/4" dia. No. 22 wire. Wound spaced or solid layer.
 Notes—1.—Wavelength range 190-450 using 30 turns, on up to 575 using 47 turns.
 2.—Detector voltage variable 16-37.
 3.—Turns variable by clip inside set, not by switch or panel.
 4.—250 ufd (.0025 microfarad) shunt condensers used only if set insists on whistling.

Faradon

BAKELITE

THE MATERIAL OF A THOUSAND USES

Some ABSURD thoughts that came to mind as we sit at the typewriter:

- Least likely to be able to repair a radio - Harley Perkins
- Least likely to have any regard for a battery set - Joe Tomkins
- Least likely to pick up a rare tube when found - Don Iverson
- Least likely to find any radios - Bob Bilbie
- Least likely to buy a Cathedral type radio - Edwin Buhite
- Least likely to pick up an unusual Philco radio - Mark Moore
- Least likely to pick up an odd car radio - Bob Campbell
- Most likely to pick a battery set over a good electric - Alan Shaddock
- Least likely to ever own a Crosley "Pup" - Ron Moran
- And CHUCK & BOBBIE KIBBLE, you are not out of the "woods" yet either, for you are the least likely to buy a FALCK, sight unseen!!

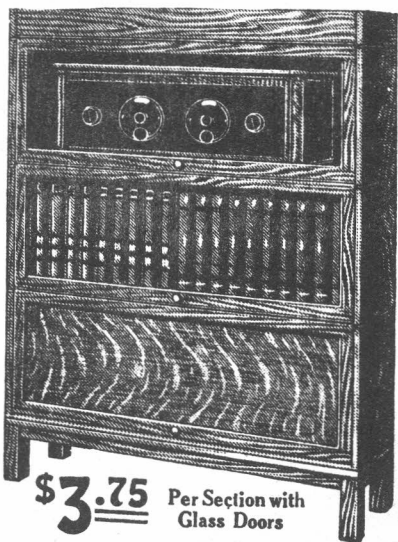
So there you have a few absurd reflections on some of our terrific people!

THOMPSON SPEAKER

We wonder if good friend CHUCK SHIVELY would be interested in another speaker-engagement? The other day the manager of the Handyman Store in Milw. called to inform us that a group of fellows out in Gresham have formed an amateur radio club and that many of their members were very much interested in antique radio, but knew little of it. He wanted to know if someone in our club would be willing to bring a couple of old gems to their meeting and describe the general run down on antique receivers. Since Chuck so ably handled the school talks, I informed the man that I would bring this point to the attention of our club members. If it does occur it will be sometime in January. You see, we are considered by many knowledgeable people in the Portland area to be the experts in our line of radio!

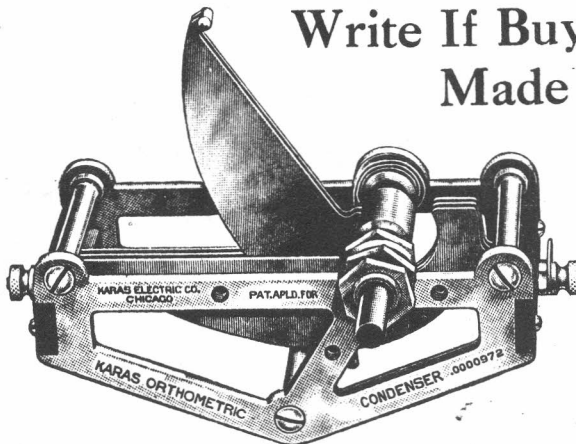
Well fellas, there you have it for another month.... We'll see you all at the next meeting so until then..... HAPPY HUNTING, and may the only static you get come from your lovely wives!! (Sorry gals, could not find Aunt Sammy's Radio Cook Book this month, to include your recipe, but will "double up" next month! ED.)

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Hope you all enjoyed this issue, it was an absolute pleasure to bring it to you. Watch for next months BIG issue on the popular CATHEDRAL RADIO, we and the public remember so well. Free at your local mailbox!