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WE TRY TO TELL IT LIKE IT IS!!

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Results of the election

Here are the winners in our recent election, Dec., 11th, 1976

- President-Bob Bilbie
- Vice President-Tom James
- Secretary-Mark Moore
- Treasurer-Jim Mason



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the cold and
you won't
need ear muffs

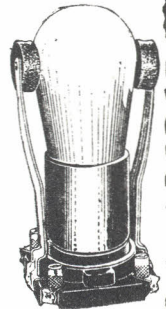
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(Recording Secretary will be selected by the Board after a change is adopted in our Constitution to accept another secretary)
6th Board Member-Bob Campbell

At the next meeting, we will all be voting to amend the Constitution to accept a second secretary (Corresponding Secretary). The way it is written now this party would not be considered an officer of the Club and we have grown to the extent of having to share the work load as far as the Secretary position is concerned. If everything is passed Don Iverson, nominated for this position, will be our new Recording Secretary.

AS YOU KNOW THIS UP-COMING MEETING IS CONSIDERED MANDATORY BY THE CLUB SO PLAN TO ATTEND TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP INTACT. WE NEED YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE Northwest Vintage Radio Society. Please help make our club the best one in the land, offer criticism when it is constructive, don't ridicule new ideas til we try them and join in on the fun of the various projects. You'll find a new world of enjoyment opening up to you!!

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THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE ON JAN., 8TH, 1977 at 10 AM-SATURDAY BUENA VISTA CLUBHOUSE, 16th & Jackson, Oregon City, Oregon BE THERE!

Thank you, Mr. McCann, for the very interesting talk you gave on the aspects of early day broadcasting. We all enjoyed that very much and express our gratitude for your cooperation. We will be sending you a newsletter every month you might enjoy reading. (Those who did not attend the last meeting missed an interesting talk by Mr. McCann, who has been in charge of the Portland FCC since 1940., Ed.)

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From:
Wireless
Age,
1924

GENERAL RADIO Co

IN REMEMBRANCE, we offer the following:
Guglielmo Marconi

The Genius who Developed Wireless Telegraphy

Marconi was born at Marzabotto, Italy, on April 17 1875. From his Italian father, who was a land owner, he gets his name, Guglielmo, which he preferred to William, its English equivalent. His mother however, was of Irish birth and he spoke English as perfectly as he did Italian. Indeed he had the appearance of an Englishman, and for a considerable part of his life his associations have been English.

Marconi was educated in Italian universities. He had not reached his majority when the idea of telegraphy without wires began to interest him, and he decided upon it as his special field of labor. His father's backing for the necessary outlay enabled him to carry on his experiments, and by April, 1899, he was ready to startle the world by sending messages across the English Channel. In October of the same year, the young scientist came to America to report the international yacht races across space, between the "Columbia" and the "Shamrock" for the New York papers, and messages were flashed, when both yachts and sending ship were enveloped in fogs and out of sight of land. By this time, the inventor had taken out 132 patents in every civilized country in the world, which indicates the manifold details which he had to consider in perfecting his appliances. Marconi, great pioneer of radio telegraphy died in 1937, he was 62 years old.

RADIO TRIVIA

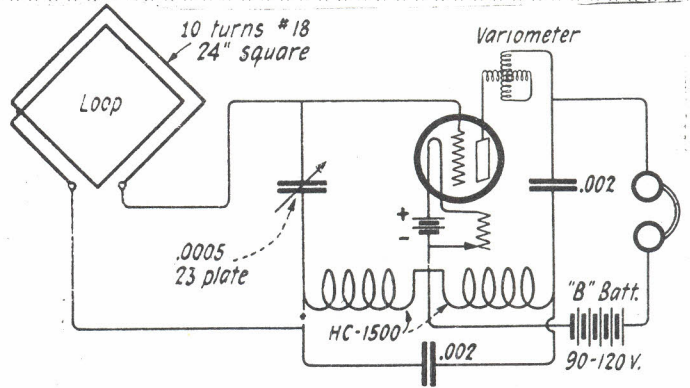
The first Zenith to be motorized as a convenience in tuning, was Model 9-S-203. The dial was furnished to Zenith by CROWE

In 1746, Ben Franklin (1706-1790) American statesman and philosopher, advanced the single-fluid theory of electricity and proposes the plus and minus designations. (+ and -)

Do you know how ABC got started-No? When DAVID SARNOFF put together the National Broadcasting Co., WJZ was the foundation for the Blue Network and WEAf as a foundation for the Red Network. Years later Uncle Sam said this was a monopoly play and so NBC sold the BLUE NETWORK which later became ABC.....so there!!

Can't get real crystals anymore for your crystal sets-phooey! Go to your nearest rock shop and buy a pound of galena ore, break into very small bits, set pieces in appropriate holder and carefully pour molten lead around the "crystal" to the desired height and there you have a perfect crystal that you can "no longer buy"!
NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION!!

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FROM the number of requests which we receive daily we gather that the one tube super is still popular as ever. Diagram of this set is shown in figure 1. The loop is tuned with a 23 plate variable condenser preferably with some means of vernier adjustment. A Hammarlund would be particularly fitting here. The two honeycomb coils 1500 turns each are a necessary part of the circuit.

THAT LITTLE GAME—BY B. LINK



—Brooklyn Times

"A Christmas Miracle"

A Short Story by Bob Bilbie

It was eleven days before Christmas and Harry was pondering his fate as he walked disconsolately in the driving snow in search of a present for his lovely wife. Shucks, he thought, here it is nearly Christmas, out of work, low on money, no prospects for the future and a tough year ahead. All about him were people going about their task of providing a good Christmas for THEIR loved ones. Harry could not help but feel that fate had dealt him a losing hand. Confusion raced thru his mind as the biting cold and raging wind tore at his very being. Love, thought Harry, comes in many forms and surely his lovely wife would understand if he was unable to provide a Christmas as good as the ones they had together in the past. Maybe we will celebrate Christmas the way it was intended to be celebrated, by paying tribute to the BABY, born Christmas Day, that was to change the course of mankind, thought Harry. "Surely find something I can afford," he mullied.

While strolling thru the poor section of town, past the dimly lit windows of a second hand store, Harry happened to notice a rather ragged little radio in setting in the corner of the window. "Say, if I could afford that little radio, I could fix it up all pretty like and give that to my wife as a present!", Harry reasoned. He entered the store and walked over to look at this soon to be (he hoped) Christmas present. Not bad..all the knobs are in place, fair little cabinet, good wood and with a little work could be restored to its original beauty and make a decent gift at that, he thought. As Harry was looking at the radio the man from the store walked over and said, "May I help you?" "Yes", said Harry, "you see, I'm kinda down on my luck and don't have much money to spend for gifts this year and I thought that if I could afford to buy this little radio, I could take it home and restore it as a gift for my wife for Christmas." The man said, "Yeah, we got that radio and a bunch of other stuff from old Silas Wilson up on the hill, he's an eccentric old coot, unpredictable, never know what he's gonna do. He used to own the bank over in Freeport. We don't have much in it so if you think you can do something with it you can have it for six bucks." Well, Harry dug deep for six bucks, paid the man and reached down to pick up this little treasure and it was then he noticed that it was a Mission Bell. Ironic, he thought, to have a name like that in this set of circumstances!

Arriving home late, with the little radio under his arm, he headed for his very meager workshop, not wanting to awaken his wife. Harry had not much time to get the radio finished, for Christmas was not far off, so he started immediately to remove the screws that held the chassis to the cabinet. He pulled off the knobs, and started to pull the chassis out and as he did so, a small Bull Durham sack, lodged up in the chassis fell out on the floor with a metallic clank. "Shucks", Harry thought, "a sack of parts to re-install, I'll never get this little fella done by Christmas." As Harry bent over to pick up the sack, he wished he had just bought his wife a box of candy, instead, although the work he was about to do on the radio would mean more to his lovely wife than a box of candy. Harry quickly opened the sack and poured the contents out on the bench. He could not believe what he saw laying there before him....his heart literally leaped to his throat, could it be?? Yes, laying there on the bench were FIVE, twenty dollar gold pieces!! Harry thought, "I can't keep them, they are not mine, I must return them tomorrow." Putting everything aside and going to bed beside his lovely wife, still not wanting to awaken her to tell her of this latest dilemma. Tomorrow would be another day.

The next morning Harry explained the happenings, over coffee, to his wife and she said, "Harry, as bad as we have it, with you out of work and all, it would not be in keeping with the Christmas spirit, if we decided to keep those gold coins, so we must return them to their rightful owner." Harry agreed.

Under the circumstances it was not easy to do, but Harry set about to find the Wilson residence. He finally located the house and he passed thru the large open iron gate and walked up the long driveway to a very palatial house. He rang the bell and shortly a nice old lady answered, wanting to know what he wanted.

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Harry said, "Mrs. Wilson you don't know me but I understand that your husband had your cellar cleaned out and gave the contents to the second hand store downtown, is that true?"

"In part it's true, young man", said Mrs. Wilson, "but you see it was me that had the cellar cleaned out, for my husband, Silas Wilson passed away about three months ago, but what has this to do with you, young man?", she asked.

Harry explained, "Well you see, Mrs. Wilson, I bought a little radio, a Mission Bell, that was among the things you gave to the store. I bought it with the intention of restoring it as a gift for my wife for Christmas, and as I took it apart a small sack concealed in the chassis fell out. The sack contained five twenty dollar gold pieces and I am here to return them to you."

"Well, land sakes, young man, my Silas WAS an eccentric fellow and this doesn't surprise me a bit. What does surprise me is that you were honest enough to want to return these coins to me. Believe me, in this day and age that's really something!"

"This has been a tough winter for me, Mrs. Wilson, being out of work and Christmas coming on, but my wife and I both felt that in order to keep in the spirit of the Lord and Christmas, that this was the right thing to do. After all, YOU are the rightful owner of the coins.", explained Harry.

"Well, young man, when Silas passed away, he left me with more than I will ever need for the few remaining years I have left, so you just keep those silly old coins and you and your wife have yourselves a very merry Christmas.", Mrs. Wilson told Harry.

Harry let necessity be the better part of valor, thanked Mrs. Wilson sincerely for her generosity and Christmas spirit and left knowing that THIS year, he and his wife would surely have a great holiday.

The next day Harry sold the gold coins to a local dealer and took 2/3 of of the money and gave it to a local charity that would do some good for other people who might be as unfortunate as he..... Harry felt that his reward was far greater, after all, didn't he still have the lucky little Mission Bell radio, an understanding wife, and a truly Merry Christmas?

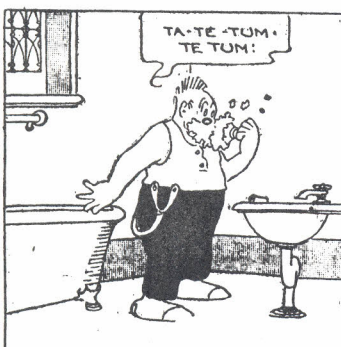
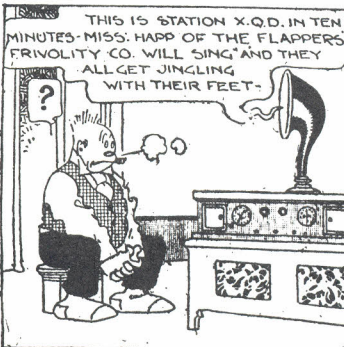
That was a long time ago..... and if you should ever meet Harry and his wife, they will proudly show you a completely restored little beauty of a Mission Bell radio, for in a way it restored them, too, it restored their faith in a world both harsh and compassionate!

Merry Christmas to all,
Your President, Bob Bilbie



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BRINGING UP FATHER



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BY GEORGE McMANUS

-The Washington Herald



Here is just one more "bet ya didn't know" type questions!
 What very famous American was granted the FIRST radio signalling patent in the United States? Give up??

1891-Thomas A. Edison is granted the first radio signalling patent in the U.S.:
 "Signalling between distant points can be carried on by induction without the use of wires connecting such distant points" (Patent # 465,971) (I might add that in this humble editors opinion, Tom Edison is the true genius of this century, Talking machine, moving pictures, electric light, quadruplex telegraph, discovery of the "Edison effect", to name but a few!)

AND ANOTHER LITTLE KNOWN FACT:

1878-The Edison Electric Light Co., is the start of the General Electric lineage, is organized by J. Pierpont Morgan and other financiers to finance Edisons experiments in the development of a commercially successful incandescent lamp. Capital stock is \$3,000,000 (3000 shares at a par value of \$100 each)

FACTS PROVIDED BY NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION in a very interesting little book called "A CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY of ELECTRICAL DEVELOPMENT" - dated 1946 -available to anyone caring to read it by getting in touch with the editor.



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Since this is our Christmas Issue we have held the business aspect to a minimum, and tried to include items, humor and more cartoons than usual. As promised last month, a more "nuts & bolts" type issue.....however your Editor has the ever increasing problem of having enough material to publish in the way of pictures & ads, so I beg of you....in your travels if you come across any old RADIO MAGS that are not worthy of salvage, say with badly torn pages, covers missing and in general dis-repair save them for your newsletter. Whether you know it or not, this is how the editor has been getting them (out of his own pocket) for two years running now! As usual I hear a bunch of dissenters saying, "I'm not giving up any of my mags" but you'd be serving the NWVRS in a most unselfish way. Besides I'm not asking for the entire magazine just articles & pix suitable for publication of your selection. Can you help? Especially need pix of the later day Cathedrals, Waterfall type consoles, and golden era type radios. C'mon fellas help your newsletter!!

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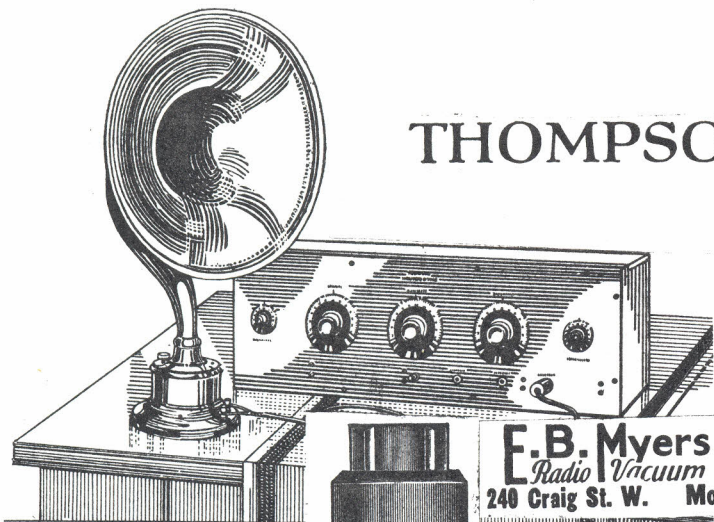
Steinite AC-I (an AC set using I99's and 20I-A's, and claimed to be a 1926 model by the finder, Dave Garrick

The A.K. Breadboard the editor got was a Model #4066, built in 1922 before the numbered ones came out. The two RF trannys and one tuning control are the items that make this set an unusual one

Found a really neat EISMANN batt. set, built in 1924 before this company merged with FREE RADIO. Has 3 nicely recessed tuning knobs mounted in a very pretty Metal front panel and it plays, too!

Birnbach Aerial Kit dated '32 complete with contents
Stromberg-Carlson Aerial kit complete - Circa 1937
Oh, and by the way, we also got a box of BRAND NEW (in boxes), OCTALS & LOCTALS for the famous ZENITH TRANSOCEANICS. If anyone out there needs any of these tubes, the cost is at a reasonable \$2 each! Contact Bob Bilbie - Ph. 266-5338. This price is less postage.

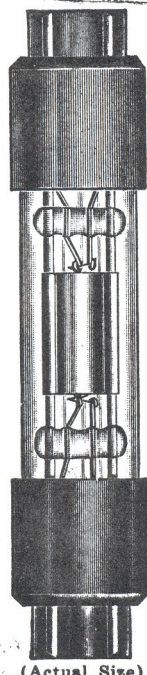
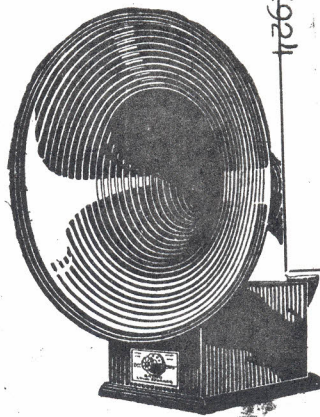
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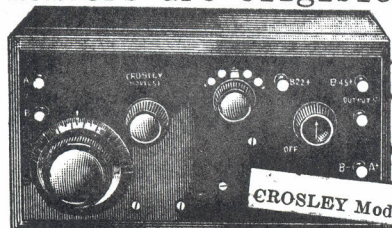


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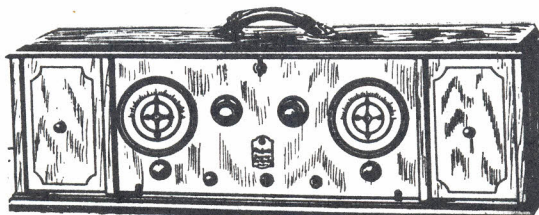
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"WIRELESS AGE" 1921

The Womens Auxillary of the NWVRS will meet Friday, Jan 21st, 1977 at Sandra Bilbie's, 295 S Knott St., Canby Oregon at 8PM. All interested gals in our club, please attend. We are trying to form an auxillary for the gals wishing to help the Northwest Vintage Radio Society. Call 266-5338 for more information. Only members are eligible. Thank you, Sandy Bilbie



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I was stung in the end,
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In the dial-stringing game,
When he got tangled up in the knots

Lucy Wyre said her Christmas party was
a flop-Daddy got in a fight with Barney
Schmell over which set was best,the A.K.
or the Blooperdyne.Aunt Enna got tight
and bent the arm of the Victrola and Santa
Claus tripped over the battery wires and
dove into the punch bowl-and now the radio
plays **How Dry I Am!**

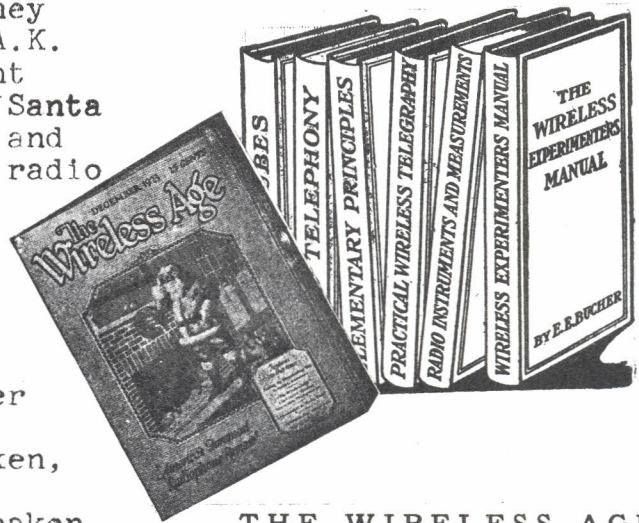
"Spooky Old Set"

I went to paw's attic one Sunday,
In search for something or other,
When I spotted the old radio set,
That had once belonged to my brother
Dim in the dust and cobwebs
Like a friend in the dungeon,forsaken,
Sat the old Bremer-Tully receiver
With the pride of the twenties unshaken

Then a cloud came over my vision,
I felt transported off to the past,
And that dusty old speaker was chanting!
(I thought I'd flipped at last)
Then I heard,"Think of the radios dismantled,
Their innards dumped out in the trash,
Their cabinets made up into cases,
For the Kids and the careless to smash!"

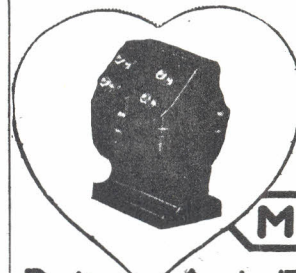
"Why don't you go to the rescue,
Return all the glory once theirs
We kindle that spark of kinship
That shows you are someone who cares,
Restore and preserve the old ones,
That their existence has not been in vain,
Let the speakers shout out thank you's,
Let their hearts be in tune once again!"
(over,please)

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Tom James "Atmospherics", cont.:
"Spooky Old Set"

Then the speaker fell silent,
And a spider resumed with her net.
And I came down from that attic,
With all of the speed I could get!
And later I spoke to my brother,
"Could I buy that old dumb set?"
"Why," he said, "I gave that to charity
Some thirty odd years ago!"

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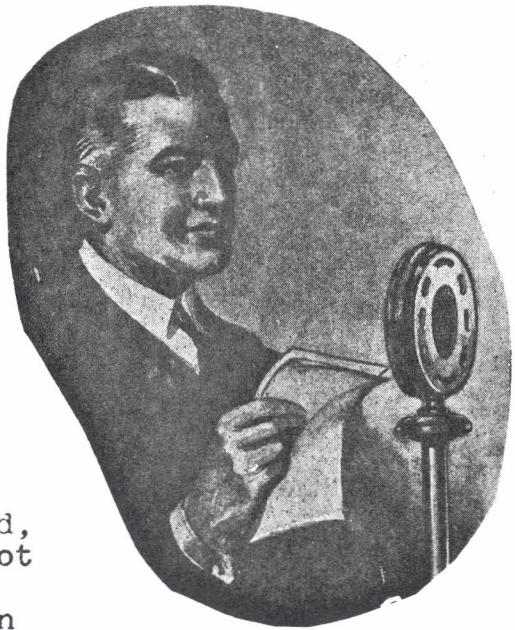
"A Bit of Dogeral"
Once I bought a Euphonic receiver,
From an "old kit building believer",
The coils were mashed flat,
And I didn't mind that,
But it howled like a hunters Retriever!

I effected the repairing in vain,
The troubles just seemed to remain.
But in fooling around,
I lenghtened the sound.....
So it resembles a Dachund in pain!

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WANT ADS

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above. Need base for Bristol Audiophone Horn
Bob Bilbie - 266-5338

Enclosed is information on the Salem show coming up in Feb. This is being
sent two months in advance so our Washington members can arrange to be
there. It will be a Radio Display and sale along with a regular BIG flea
market. It will be our first show of this type. Bring your wives and plan to
have a good time! More information on this will follow in your next news-
letter.

Well, so long for now, and see yawl next month!
73's