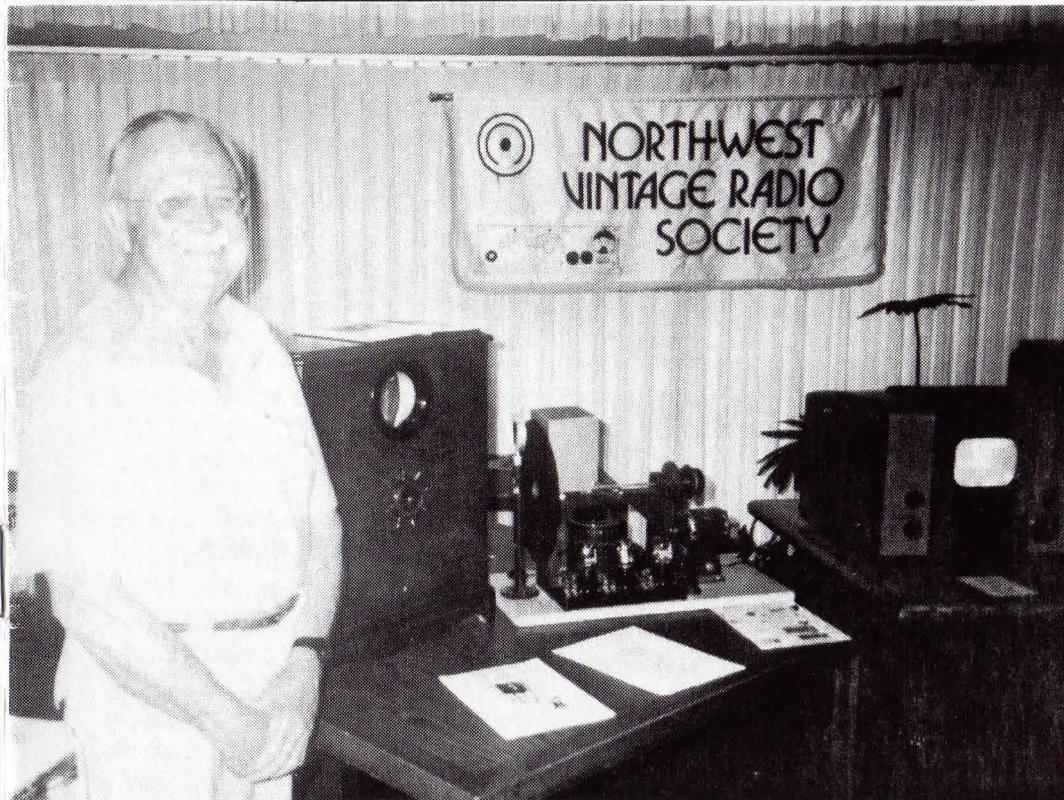


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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society meets at the Buena Vista Club House (Atkinson Park) 16th & Jackson Street, Oregon City, Oregon. (Note: take Washington St. to 15th, up 15th hill to Jackson, turn left to 16th).

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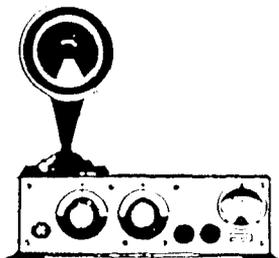
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ATMOSPHERICA

By J

Cogitation on old sets

*Suppose you took your Vintage sets
And stepped back into time---
Would they perform as well
As when these sets were prime?*

*If you played your early Tada,
With those already there---
Do you really, truly, think
That yours could quite compare?*

*Well, I've got news for you,
You smug minded vintage cat;
There's only one in dozens now,
Could come even close to that.*

*Time and light and atmosphere,
Have all been preying on
The vitals of these Vintage sets,
'Til some are nearly gone.*

*There is one consolation
For you bunch of braggarts tho;
The progress on a time machine
Is going mighty slow!*

** ** * ** **

The Disco Kid

*Come look at Junior, mama said---
He's teething on the platters,
(Chewed the Dickens from Little Jimmy,
Now he's gumming up the "Hatters".*

*As she takes in this record feast,
It's not her choice to care---
It's always best, she's heard it said,
To keep music in the hair!*





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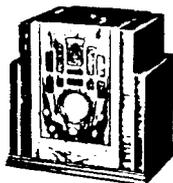
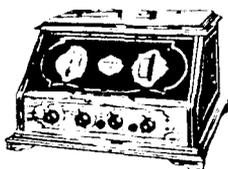
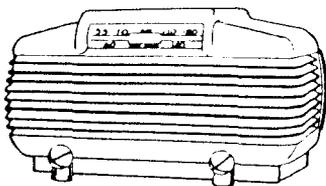
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SWAP MEET



Shoreline Museum
N. 175th & Linden Ave.
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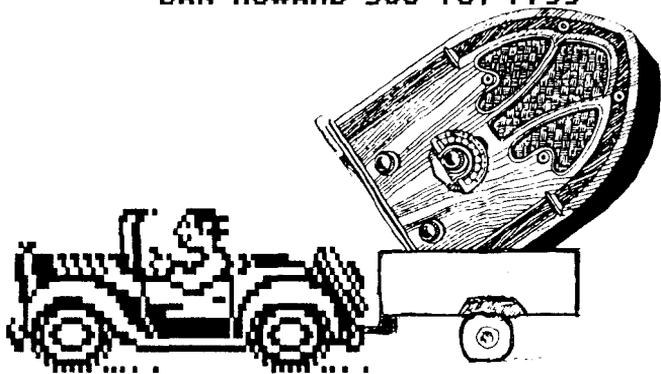
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WESTERN TELEVISION CORP.

The receiver was manufactured by the Western Television Corp., Chicago, Ill. in 1930 as the "Visionette" Televisor, price \$159.50. The set consists of a table top solid wood cabinet with hand-painted gold detailing, containing synchronous motor rotating at 900 RPM, scanning wheel with three spirals of 15 holes slightly offset from each other, and a neon lamp in series with the plate circuit of the output tube of a wideband (60-100KHZ bandpass) receiver. The image was projected on a 4" lens.

On the cover this month is Jim Mason at Forest Grove displaying his scanning disc Western Television receiver. Photographer Sonny Clutter.

TELEVISION MILESTONES

provided by Ken Korhonen

February 1879, Dublin, Ireland Dennis Redmond sent picture by wire using Selenium Cells and Platinum wire.

March 1925, John Logie Baird, Public demonstration of Mechanical Disc TV.

June 1925, Charles Francis Jenkins, Public demonstration of TV in U.S.A.

1927, John Logie Baird demonstrated Colour Scanning Disc TV.

July 1928, Charles Francis Jenkins station W3XK broadcast regularly scheduled programming 8 P.M. to 9 P.M. Mon, Wed, Fri.

Sept 11, 1928, General Electric broadcast the first Television drama "The Queen's Messenger".

1929, A.T.& T. demonstrated Color Scanning Disc TV.

June 1929, Seattle, Washington, Experimental TV broadcasting

November 27, 1937, N.B.C., The first televised play by Cathode Ray Tube: "The Adventures of the Three Garridebs" by Sherlock Holmes.



N W V R S COMING EVENTS

August 11 & 12.....Old Radio Sale
September 9.....Annual Auction
October 14.....Radio Contest
November 11.....Fall Swap Meet
December 9.....Party and Election

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Doug Davee Named Curator of History

Congratulations to NWVRS Vice President Doug Davee for landing a new job! Doug has been hired as the Curator of History for the Riverside County Parks Department in Southern California. He begins his new job on August 15. Although Doug plans to remain a member of the NWVRS, he is resigning as Vice President effective immediately. Good luck, Doug and thanks for your help this year.

TELEVISION 1939 - 1989

50 YEARS OF TV ?? comment by C.E. Clutter

This is the year we celebrate 5 decades of television. We all know that TV began in the 20's but we are refering to 50 years of Television as we know it today

The year of 1939 is when regular scheduled broadcast of "Electronic Television" began. It was also the year that most "big name" manufacturers of radios introduced their television receivers

Few of us have ever stopped to realize that (in the USA) little has changed in the basic method of transmitting, receiving and quality of our monochrome TV pictures in the last 50 years. Although color has been added, product reliability and manufacturing technology has certainly advanced, little has been done to improve the basic monochrome picture. **We are still viewing a pre-wwII system.** The same 525 line system that was adopted by the NTSC in 1941 is still in use today.

Much of the world has improved their television system in the last 50 years and the technology for HDTV (high defenition TV) is here now. Lets hope that legal battles and special interest groups don't keep us watching our obsolete system for another 50 years.





SONNY CLUTTER

**'29 WESTERN
SCANNING DISC**

'29 KIT SCANNING DISC

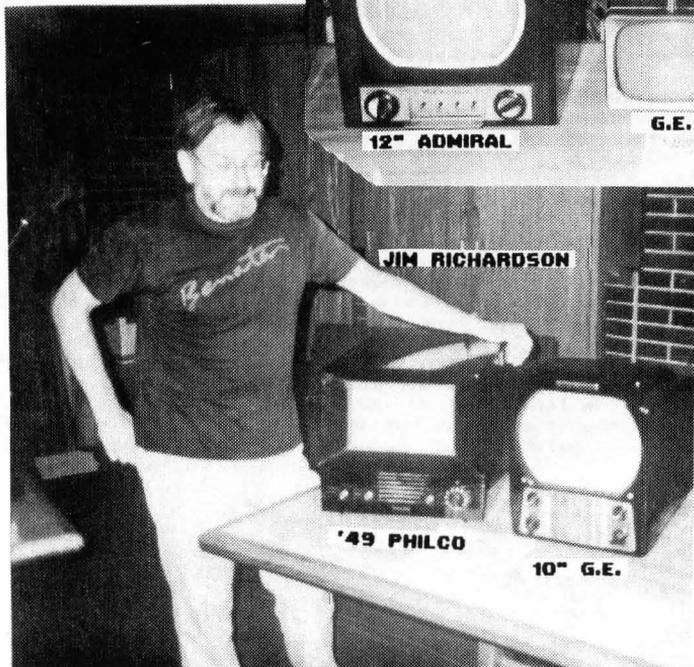
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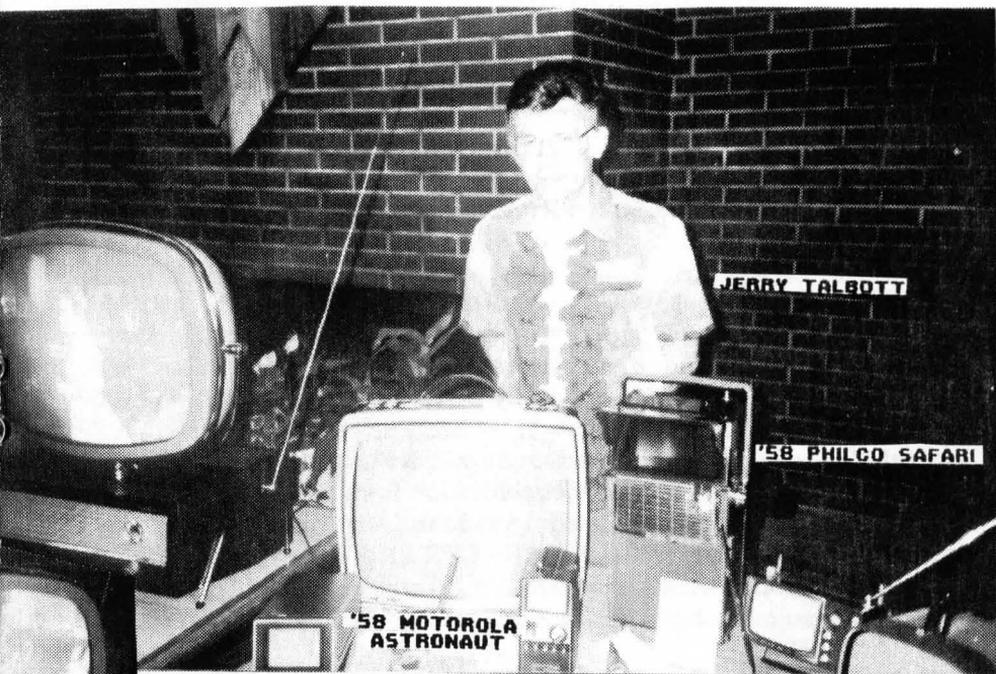


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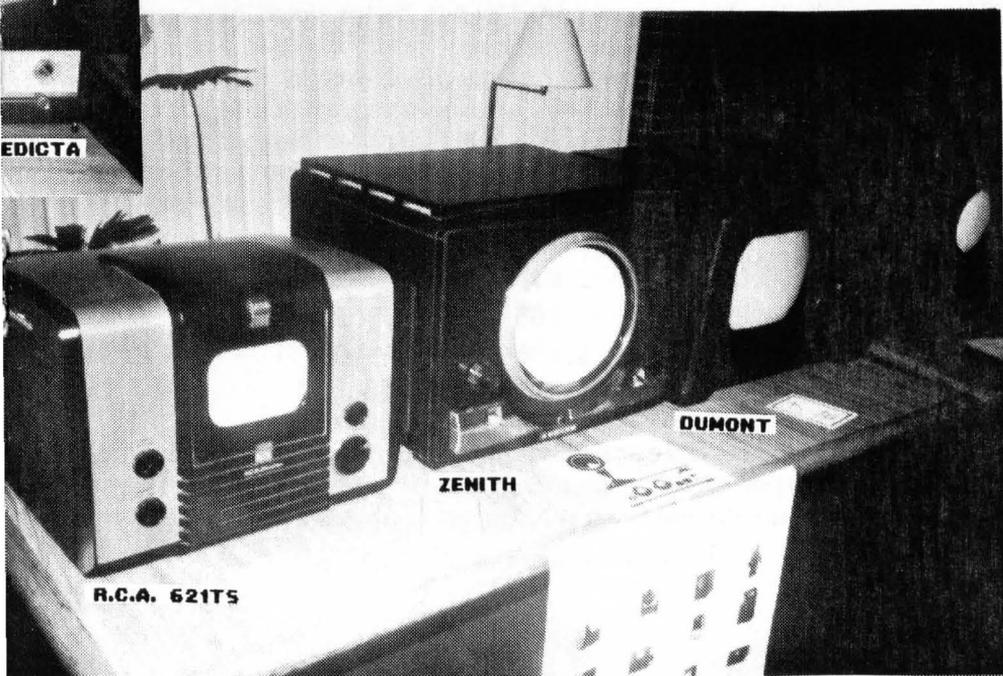
'49 PHILCO

10" G.E.

**Photos
provided by
Sonny Clutter**



FOREST GROVE DISPLAY



PSARA MEETING MINUTES

Seattle, Washington - Sunday July 16, 1989

This Meeting was attended by 26 Members, and one guest: Mr. A. Powers of Auburn, Washington.

OLD BUSINESS: Once again the issue of required minimum attendance, set forth in the By-Laws, was brought up by Bert Whitaker. Darrel Forsberg motioned to delete this requirement from the By-Laws and delete associate membership classification; seconded by Steve Von Talge, voted on and carried. Motioned for reconsideration by Bob Phelps, seconded by John Schneider, voted and carried. Motioned by Bob Phelps to delete the part concerning the Associate Member classification from the original motion; seconded by Steve Von Talge, voted on and carried by majority. Clarification: as of the present, IT WILL NO LONGER BE A REQUIREMENT for members to attend at least four Business meetings during a calendar year to retain their membership. The status of Associate membership REMAINS UNCHANGED.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve Von Talge motioned to increase the Associate membership fee, seconded by John Schneider; voted, NOT carried. John Schneider Motioned to eliminate club officers previous attendance record (as prerequisite for elections), seconded by Bob Phelps, voted, Not carried. The Membership voted to go ahead with an order for club name tags from The BLF Sales Co. of Longview, Washington. Information received from Vestel Press, Ltd. indicates that Vol.II (of Alan Douglas) will be available for late July shipping; a limited edition of a hard cover "Deluxe" type will be available in late August. As of the present, our Discount shows the following price structure:

	Retail	Discount
Vol. I Hard	\$29.95	\$17.25
Vol. I Soft	\$19.95	\$11.50
Vol. II Hard	\$39.95	\$22.00
Vol. II Soft	\$24.95	\$13.75

Due to the collectively large amount of money for this order (17 Vol. I and 39 Vol. II), it was decided to collect the money first from members. There will be an appointed member at the August Swap Meet to receive payments.



Members Not Able to attend the August Swap Meet: (A.S.A.P.) Send a check to: The Puget Sound Antique Radio Association 4201 W. Bertona St. Seattle, Washington 98199.

The Following Have Ordered Books:

Vol I Hard: Ken Korhonen, Steve Von Talge, Glenn Egnew, John Hirsch, Greg Izzi, Art Redman, Norris Jackson, Speed Feldschau, Ray Nelson, Ed Charman.

Vol I Soft: Jim Gianacos, Al Lemke, Mark Campbell, Ken Lamond, Randy Gray, Ed Zigoy, Dick Howard.

Vol II Hard: Jerry Brannon, Ken Korhonen, Jerry Cappoen, Walt Kiefner, Frank Banks, Bert Whitaker, Lee Ray, Max Kaplan, Lauren Countryman, Al Atwood, John Schneider, Warren Green, Steve Von Talge, Glenn Egnew, John Hirsch, Larry Vinter, Edwin Buhite, Art Redman, Norris Jackson, C.E.Clutter, Speed Feldschau, Ray Nelson, Ed Charman, Nick Tonkin, Greg Izzi.

Vol II Soft: Matt Thornton, Jim Gianacos, Al Lemke, Mark Campbell, Howard Randall, Ken Lamond, Duane Ballew, Randy Gray, Greg Morse, Doug Davee, Dick Howard, Jim Mason, Jerry Talbott, Ed Zigoy.

Meeting Adjourned.



Max A. Kaplan, PSARA Secretary

PSARA COMING EVENTS

Shoreline Museum Seattle, Washington

August 20, 1989

10:00 AM Public Invitational Swap Meet

Closing time 3:00 PM no Business meeting / presentation

September 17, 1989

11:00 AM Members Swap Meet

1:00 PM Business Meeting / Election of Officers

For additional PSARA information contact:

Max Kaplan 206-851-4187

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Emerson AX series Chassis (flick -O- switch pg 83). **Harold Hagen** 206-634-1155. 4334 Evanston N Seattle, Washington 98103

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Sams AR1-16 Auto Radio Manuals. **Al Lemke** 206-868-8165. 10004 206th Ave. NE Redmond, Washington 98053

1950 Chev. Car Radio. **Dan Yerkovich** 206-284-9564. 4608 Lawton Lane West, Seattle, Washington 98199

Riders Vol # 1, 3, 5 & 14; Power transformer for Zenith 10S690, Part # A95-833N. **Jim Gianacos** 206-784-9417 or 228-9398. 9110 122nd Pl. SE Renton, Washington 98056

Military R-390 Receiver; Riders Vol # 1, 5, 21, 22 & 23; Speaker for AK 55 or 60. **Jerry Brannon** 206-854-4234. 22324 100th Ave SE Kent, Washington 98031

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SWAP ONLY

1949 Emerson Projection TV. **Ken Korhonen** (see want ad).

SELL / SWAP

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Hallicrafters S-38C working \$25.-; Webster-Chicago 80 Wire Recorder, not working but complete with extra wire spools \$35.-. **Max Kaplan** (see want ad).



Radio Waves and sheds a tear.

By Dick Karman

In the last few months we have witnessed radio's school day chums passing away. Much like a school of hard knocks, radio will see very few alive at its 100th reunion. Even the best of of radio actors from the 1950s are no longer with us.

Mel Blanc

In July Mel Blanc, born and raised in Portland, national personality, household , died of cancer. Where ever there was radio comedy, Mel's name was well-known: the happy postman on the Burns and Allen Show, "Remember Mrs. Burns, keep smiling;" on the Joe Penner Show, the voice of Joe's Duck Goo-Goo; on The Judy Canova Show, Pedro, "Pardon me for talking in your face senorita;" Twiggs on the Major Hoople show; on Point Sublime, Mr. August Moon; and characters too numerous to mention on shows like Tommy Riggs & Betty Lou, Camel Caravan, etc.

Mel's talents were forever being used on other people's shows. In his long-standing association with Jack Benny Mel played everything from Jack's Maxwell, to the train announcer, to the department store clerk that Jack drove crazy every Christmas season, to the polar bear in Jack's Basement. Jack Benny and many others didn't care if the audience at home couldn't see Mel, they knew he was there. Jack on one occasion said "That's funny, Polly is the first parrot I've seen with whiskers."

Mel's own show, "the Mel Blanc Show", was the culmination and compilation of all of his experiences. He used his 1,000 voices to play nearly every male part in the show and some female parts too.

Radio fans for generations to come will recognize this loss every time they hear "Train now leaving on track 3 for Anaheim, Azusa and Cuc--amonga."

Jim Bakus

Long before his numerous parts on television and as Mr. McGoo, Jim Bakus was another voice on the radio. In the late thirties Bakus played supporting roles in many comedies. His voices did not receive the same circulation as those of Mel Blanc but Bakus could be heard on Lum and Abner, The Penny Singleton Show, Sad Sack and the Allen Young Show. Perhaps one of his first TV roles was as husband to Joan



Davis on I Married Joan. One of his last was the millionaire on Gilligan's Island.

While he was with us and now when he's gone Jim Bakus brightens our days with his personification of the near-sighted Mr. McGoo, and the sense of humor to made all of us laugh.

Lyn Murray

Though another behind the scenes person that few of us will recognize, the passing of Lyn Murray marks another dark day in radio history. Lyn's history dates back to WNAT in Philadelphia in 1928, but it wasn't until 1934 when he joined CBS that his musical talents were used. He was a arranger, composer, conductor and sometimes musician.

Lyn Murray was responsible for the musical themes (as they "appeared on radio") to many shows. His most well remembered shows include his arrangements for The Adventure of Ellery Queen, The Ford Theater, Your Hit Parade, The March of Time, The Hallmark Playhouse, and 26 by Corwin.

Lyn is another one of those people who made radio what it was and what it became. His death at age 79 (last May), was not well covered by the media, and it's too bad. Some folks have no idea where their favorite radio show would have been without the music of Lyn Murray.

A special thanks to The S.P.E.R.D.V.A.C. RADIOGRAM for information on Lyn Murray, and for the following book review.

On The Early History Of Radio Guidance

By Chris Lembesis

Benjamin Miessner, San Francisco Press, 1984, \$7.50 clothbound (Box 6800, San Francisco CA 94101).

Here is an autobiographical look at one of America's most prolific inventors in the field of early electronics. Notes and sketches of his early inventions in such areas as AC powered vacuum tube apparatus, radio receiver designs, and radio guidance system. Though slim in volume, this work is an important one for laying the ground work for what was to come in commercial radio.



Ole! (acquisitions)

Sonny Clutter

1947 Fada 711 butterscotch Catalin
1933 Packard Treasure Chest Radio

Dick Howard

Numa Crystal Set made in Sweden

Max Kaplan

1933 Hammarlund Comet-Pro
National NC-101

Dick Karman

WWII tank Radio with wiring harness and microphones

Walt Kiefner

Crosley 516 Tombstone
Clarion AC-61 Cathedral

Ken Korhonen

Radiola 4
Silvertone ornate Console with amber lucite grill
1/2 of a Philco Predicta Tandem TV set.

Jim Mason

1938 G.E. "Radioforte" G-95 Console
1950's Abbotsware Novelty Horse Radio

John Schneider

Majestic Clock Radio in excellent working condition
(bought in Wisconsin while on vacation)

Jerry Talbott

1936 Zenith 12A58 Console
1946 RCA 66X1 Bakelite set
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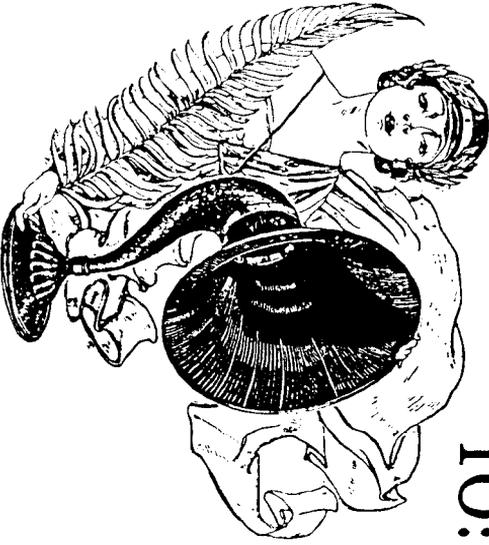
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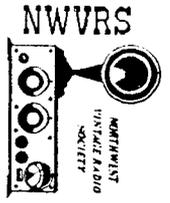
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