

## Astorian Invents Television Network Without Wire Links To Any Originating Studio

ASTORIA, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—This Oregon coast city has a home-made television network for homes and taverns without any wire links to the originating studios 125 miles away in Seattle.

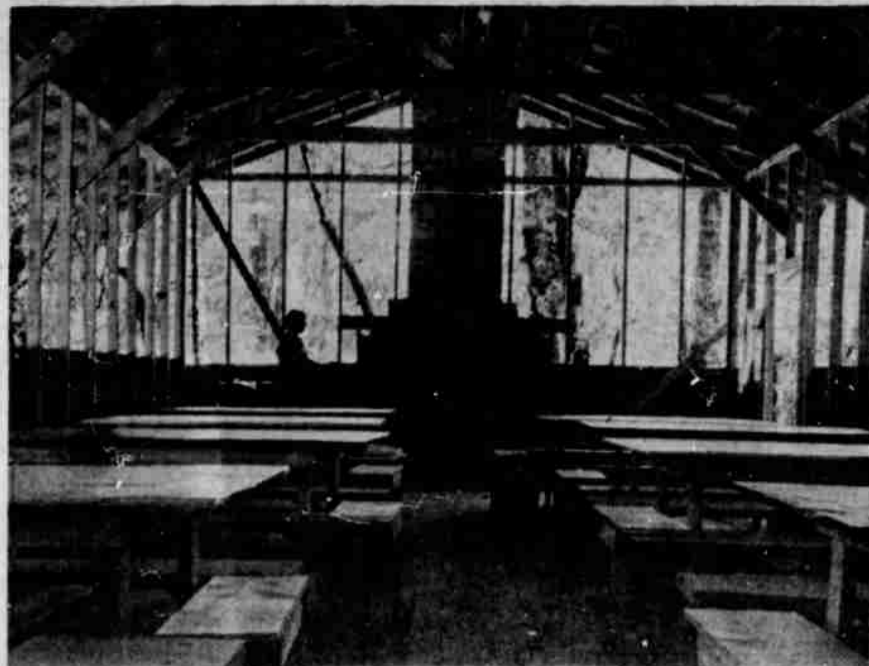
Radio man Ed Parsons admits his wife's insistence on "pictures with her radio" led him to work out what video engineers doubted was possible. The network to other homes and to taverns resulted when the Parsons' had to do something to keep their home from becoming a video theater.

What Parsons has worked out isn't simple, and it has taken months of tinkering and experiments, but the way he explains how his network operates is simple. Parsons' main receiver picks up the Seattle video station KRSC signal, amplifies it, changes the wave length and sends it out via private coaxial cable to some 25 subscribers.

Most Astoria householders can't have their individual television receivers because good reception can be had only in certain areas. Parsons says his specially designed aerial is in one of those few areas.

The Seattle station okayed the rebroadcasts because it broadened the audience and the Federal Communications Commission told him to go ahead—although doubting it could be done. He did it—and kept the FCC advised.

Parsons expects soon to be able



THE DINING HALL at Camp Tyee was laid out and constructed by volunteers from Roseburg last summer. It provides comfortable quarters for the girls who are enjoying their outing at this lower Umpqua retreat. Miss Lois Fitzgibbons, camp director, is standing beside the fireplace. The kitchen is in the other end. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

to rebroadcast the original signal directly and do away with the cable. He has asked the FCC for approval. So far he figures he is making a profit on the cable network, but he also will be able to collect from viewers in the radius of his broadcast. He explains the signal he rebroadcasts also will be changed, requiring a device he has invented on each standard set to get a picture.

This invention—plus the rebroadcasting equipment—forms what the FCC officials believe may mean television for hundreds of towns not on existing coaxial network hookups.

Although Parsons has no radio engineering degree from any university, he started with plenty of radio experience. He operates

standard broadcasting station KAST, Astoria, and manufactures and installs short wave two-way radio sets for the hundreds of Columbia river fishing fleet boats. He also maintains a powerful short wave station for communication between the fleet at sea and their homes and owners here.

Parsons admits, however, that until he tore apart the family's first commercial television set to satisfy Mrs. Parsons' demand for good pictures, he had only a theoretical understanding of television problems.

The itching sensation from chiggers comes from a tiny spurt of saliva which the insect injects when it bites a person.

### Punchboards' Outlawing Portland Mayor's Plan

PORTLAND, July 27.—(AP)—An ordinance outlawing all punchboards in this city was being drafted today by the city attorney.

Mayor Dorothy Lee requested the ordinance after finding that a supposedly skill-type punchboard was only a gambling device. She played the board herself.

The proposal was met with disapproval by some tavern and cigar store operators, who derive a considerable income from the boards.

The city now collects about \$8,000 a month in taxes from punchboards.

## Sealed Doors To Open For Jubilee In Eternal City

AP Newsfeatures  
VATICAN CITY—On Christmas eve this year Pope Pius XII will three times lift an ivory-handled silver hammer and strike the sealed holy door of St. Peter's basilica. He will say: "Open to me the gates of justice."

The holy door is a massive wall of concrete and brick, last sealed on Christmas eve, 1933. Previous times, it will be the third strike of the silver hammer be used to open.

Basilica attendants will carefully gather the broken bits of masonry. Then the pope will step into the basilica.

His entrance will mark the start once again of jubilee, or holy year. It will continue until Christmas eve, 1950. During the year millions of Catholics from all parts of the world will come to Rome to take part in ceremonies whose beginnings some 650 years ago are lost in legend.

At the same time as the holy door at St. Peter's is opened, similar doors in three other roman basilicas—St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and Sts. Peter and Paul outside the walls—will be opened by three cardinals. By visiting all four basilicas, holy year pilgrims will gain special favors, or indulgences. The 1950 jubilee will be the 25th since Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed a holy year in 1300.

### Suit Against Fish Gear Ban Opens At Salem

SALEM, July 27.—(AP)—A court test of the law banning use of fixed gear for salmon on the Columbia river and its Oregon tributaries is underway here.

Marion County Circuit Court Judge George R. Duncan heard testimony from fishermen, packers and fish commission officials. Pete Anthony and other plaintiffs seek to annul the law approved by the voters last November. The state fish commission is the defendant.

## Brannan Refuses To Compromise On Farm Program

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—Senator Eimer Thomas (D-Ore.) reported Tuesday Secretary of Agriculture Brannan was cool to all ideas of compromise on the secretary's farm plan.

But Thomas said something still will have to be worked out, to keep flexible farm price supports from going into effect at the end of this year.

Brannan appeared at a closed-door session of the Senate agriculture committee but referred reporters, waiting outside, to Thomas, committee chairman.

"He (Brannan) did not have any suggestions to make as to a compromise," Thomas told reporters later, adding that the Senate committee "must work out some sort of a compromise."

Last week the House crushed Brannan's proposal to let some food and farm prices drop on the markets, with consumers benefitting, while farmers collected treasury subsidies if these are necessary to maintain farm income.

Instead, the House voted to continue for another year the wartime price support program for major farm crops.

The Bureau of Reclamation's first major storage dam was the Roosevelt, on the Salt River in Arizona, which was dedicated in 1911.

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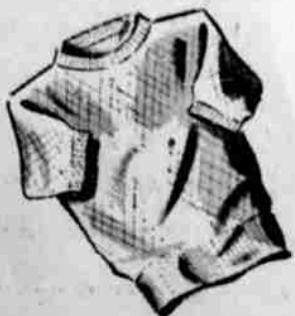
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