

### FOREST RADIO USE IS URGED IN FINE WORK

A national radio conference to instruct foresters in the use of forest radio will be held at the U. S. forest service radio laboratory, 122nd and East Gilson streets, Portland, February 20 to March 2, inclusive, according to forest service announcement. Forest officers will attend from all forest regions of the United States, and the 20 national forests of Oregon and Washington comprising the North Pacific region will be represented, it is said.

The purpose of the conference, according to the forest service, is to train representatives of all forest regions in the equipment, installation, service and maintenance of the special short wave radio sets that are rapidly coming into use on the national forests.

The nationwide movement for forest radio was initiated and first developed through the regional office in Portland and is said to mark a new epoch in the technique of forest fire fighting. Other forest regions of the Rocky mountains and Pacific coast have been quick to take up the use of radio. In this region the Olympic and Chelan national forests in Washington and the Siskiyou forest in Oregon, have been leaders in radio installation which also is being developed on the Colville, Wenatchee and Columbia national forests in Washington and the Mt. Hood, Steenslaw, Rogue River, Umpqua, Umatilla, Ochoco and Malheur forests in Oregon.

"The rugged mountain country of the Chelan national forest is typical of the terrain in which forest radio is proving invaluable in the suppression of forest fires," states a forest service official. "Radio sets are installed at key positions from which telephone connection is maintained with lookout stations. 'Smoke chasers' who are sent to extinguish fires that have been 'spotted' by lookouts also go equipped with portable sending and receiving sets." These portable sets can be operated from any point at "the front" to contact lookouts and obtain corrected fire locations without the loss of time required in returning to telephone communication.

Besides its service in fire fighting, forest radio figured largely last season in the prompt rescue of the body of the University of Washington student who fell into the crevasse at Crater Rock on Mt. Hood. It proved useful also in connection with the patrol of the Oregon elk hunting area, required during the open elk season of last November, according to forest officials.

### Ignition Key Loss Held Not Necessary

Many a motorist has been annoyed by the loss of an ignition key, but this can be avoided by hiding an extra key in some accessible place about the car, the emergency road service of the Oregon State Motor association has suggested. For the person who locks his doors, it has been found wise to conceal an "extra" inside a hub cap. It also may be put under a running mat, or, for the man who doesn't drive a closed car, it may be placed under a floor mat. Of course, the association warned, thieves also have brains.

### INCOME TAX BILL GOES IN

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 21 (UP)—A net income tax bill patterned after the federal income tax law and sponsored by the state grange went into the house of representatives yesterday with 56 signatures.

Bill would tie in with Governor Martin's "omnibus" tax bill, providing a retail sales tax. It would raise between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000, tax commission officials estimated.

The bill was so written to get around recent state supreme court decisions against a graduated income tax and tax-limitation laws on flat income taxes.

The tax would be levied "on the privilege of receiving an income." After deductions were made, the tax would be three per cent on amounts up to \$4,000 and a surtax of four per cent on amounts in excess of \$4,000. All receipts would go into the state general fund.

Exemptions were \$1,000 for single persons, \$1,500 for married persons and \$400 additional for each dependent. Other exemptions included ordinary business expenses, interest payments, taxes, losses, bad debts, depreciation, depletion and contributions.

Other deductions included dividends from corporations, interest on public securities, life insurance proceeds, annuities, gifts, injury compensation, corporation stock dividends. Federal employees and pensions would be exempt.

### DOUBLE GRIEF FOR 14-YEAR-OLD BOY

San Francisco, Feb. 21 (UP)—Troubles—seemingly more than a 14-year-old boy should be called upon to bear—were disclosed today when Denny Murphy wrote a letter to a newspaper here.

The letter read:

"The S. F. pound had taken my dog Thursday. The day my mother was buried. He is called Prince and has black spots on his eyes. The rest of his body is white. I would like to know if you could get my dog for me. I feel lonely without my mother and my dog."

A reporter hurried to Corbett Ave., picked up Denny and rushed to the pound.

Too late—Denny's dog Prince had been executed by the city in lieu of tax payment.

### WARDS OF STATE GROW 5 PER CENT

Oregon's wards increased more than five per cent during the last two years, figures filed with the state board of control for budgetary purposes showed.

In January, 1933, there were 5825 in Oregon's 10 state institutions. At the opening of this year there were 6121.

The hospitals for the insane and feeble minded showed the largest gain. The hospital for the insane has 2292 inmates now where it had 2145 before. The feeble-minded home now has 915 over 848. The Pendleton hospital now houses 1309 as compared to 1210.

The blind school has increased its population from 42 to 62, the two tuberculosis hospitals have showed eight increases, and the boys' training school, the industrial school for girls and the Portland blind trade school have stayed at about the same number.

The only institution to decrease its number of inmates is the state penitentiary. A total of 810 are now in the prison as compared to 869 two years ago, a condition partly due to the large numbers of pardons granted under the Meier administration.

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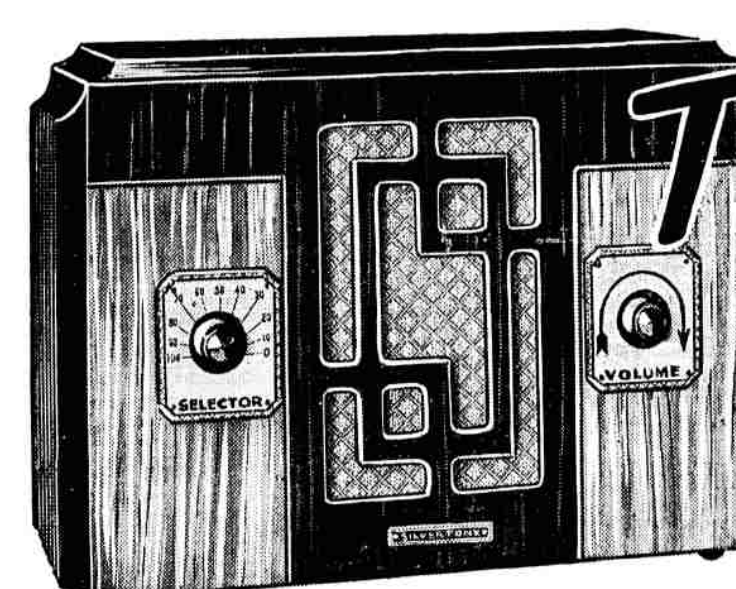
Johnstown, Pa., (UP)—Nineteen deer have lost their lives in fatal attempts to breast swift Tipton stream near here. Warden Lincoln Lender had to shoot an animal that had been swept into a ravine and mortally injured. A 10-foot wire fence is planned to prevent the deer from crossing the stream.

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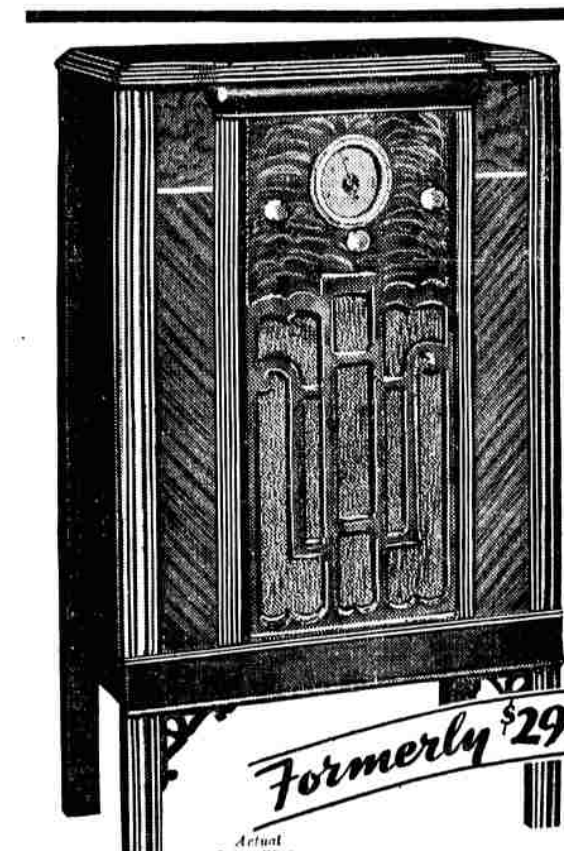


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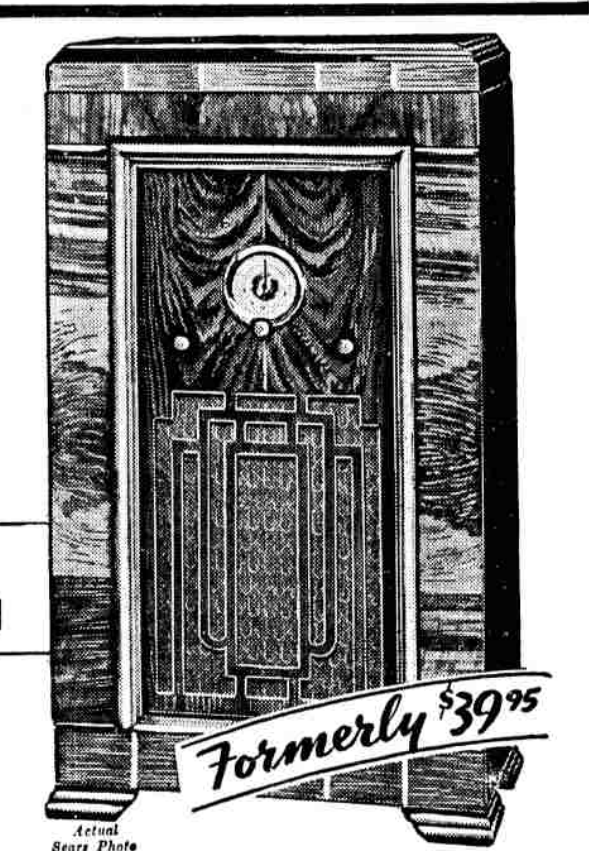
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