

3ACL and 10 BL were the call letters of Lindsay's first radio station that broadcast programs in the early 1920's. This information was recalled following the recent passing of Fred Tillcock, a top notch mechanic and radio technician who operated Central Garage at the corner of Lindsay Street and Ridout Street about 50 years ago. He was also one of the early radio agents in this area offering King battery radios and General Electric battery and electric sets for sale.

After experimental operation of a small radio station under the call letters of 3-ACL, Fred Tillcock set up radio station 10-BL in his Ridout Street residence.

Frequently on Sunday afternoons the big front parlor was the gathering place for musical talent from the surround-

ing area. Vocalists, violinists, elocutionists and instrumentalists and even large choruses and brass bands were put on the air free of charge and the few commercials were also free.

People of that time that had radios within 20 miles of Lindsay merely had to turn on the set and 10-BL came booming in on the earphones no matter where the dial was set.

Confirmation of receiving 10-BL programs were received from points as distant as Buffalo.

Favorite artists who frequently entertained the radio audience of 10-BL was the Kiwanis Quartet, and the writer remembers on Christmas day when the radio station presented a special broadcast Christmas morning featuring the Salvation Army Band and the Kiwanis Quartet.