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SEEKING REMEDY FOR RADIO STATIC

SCIENTISTS ARE ACTIVE

Despite Improved Receiving Sets Reception Is Not as Good as Formerly; Cause Is Being Sought

Government scientists were wracking their brains today to find a remedy for a queer atmospheric malady which has afflicted radio reception during the past winter.

In spite of the vast improvement of broadcasting and receiving apparatus, the cold season was marked by the most unsatisfactory results since radio became universally recognized as among the nation's popular playthings, according to Chief Radio Inspector W. D. Terrell.

Most of the forces of nature were allied against good reception.

More pronounced solar activity, resulting from the approach of the maximum sun spot period, and the prevailing frequency with which the northern lights have swept over the Polar regions, with their reaction as far south as the Mason and Dixon line are held responsible by some experts for the difficulties under which radio fans have labored.

Terrell said that thousands of listeners have complained of the reception conditions. Most of the complaints describe inability to get distant stations. Terrell, although operating a powerful receiving set, declared the failure to pick up stations more than 100 miles distant, has been the rule.

Although the electric utility companies are trying to prevent leaks from power lines, more complaints against interference from this source have been received in the last four months than ever before, according to Terrell.

"The electric utilities are co-operating to the best of their ability," Terrell said. "Nevertheless the complaints continue."

Terrell thought that power line leaks might be attributable to the same influences which have made long distance reception difficult.

Although winter is regarded as the real radio season officials said that with the increasing use of high power in broadcasting some of the seasonal aspects may be removed. One station in the country is now operating on 50,000 watts. Fourteen broadcasters employ 5,000 watts; thirty, 1,000 watts; five, 1,500 watts; five, 2,000 watts, and one each, 2,500 and 3,000 watts.

COLLEGE BASEBALL PRACTICE STARTED

Prospects of Successful Season Seen; First Game Is On April 24

Baseball practice at Lake Forest college was started outdoors last week when Coach Floyd Brown took his 25 candidates for the varsity team to the field east of the commons for a little hitting and fielding practice.

The Red and Black athletes have given the coach plenty of encouragement so far this season in their hitting ability by knocking the apple all over the lot. Things appear as though the ball may take some merry rides over the fence when practice on Farwell field gets under way.

Prospects for a successful season in baseball look very encouraging for the Gold Coasters. About four veterans of last year are out for this season's team. Captain Caddy Johnson, pitcher; "Rip" Molengraft and Eph Holmgren, outfielders; and "Doc" Palmer, infielder. The Rock-

ford five are also out for baseball as are many other candidates of note. Practice will be halted during the spring vacation but will be resumed on April 12th. The first game is on April 24th.

While the congressmen are considering what to do with the surplus of crops of the farmers, they should also try to dispose of the surplus talk by the politicians.

Apparently the first step in the spring clean-up drive should be to persuade the flappers to wash off the paint.

Motorists are already celebrating the opening of the spring season by running into the trees. Not merely is this hard on the trees, but up to date it is not reported to have done the automobiles any good.

Reduction of federal taxes will probably convince some thinkers that the people can afford to pay more for municipal taxation.

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CAPPER PRAISES MCKINLEY FOR AID GIVEN FARMERS; CITES VOTE ON BIG ISSUES

Senator William B. McKinley has been a consistent friend of the farmer, Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, publisher of Capper's Weekly and other farm papers, declares in a letter to State Senator Henry M. Dunlap of Savoy.

If others in the senate had been as zealous, relief of farm conditions would have been provided before this, he says.

What He Says

The letter is as follows:

"Replying to your inquiry of March 20, relative to the record of Senator William B. McKinley of your state concerning legislation relative to agriculture, I have no hesitancy in saying, and I take great pleasure in doing so, that Senator McKinley, both as a member of the Committee on Agriculture, and on the floor, always has shown a very sympathetic attitude toward the industry and toward the farmer and his problems. His attitude has been more than sympathetic; it has been intelligent and zealous.

"Had all the members of the Senate been equally zealous and sympathetic I think we might now be pointing with pride to what has been accomplished, instead of continuing to urge that Congress deal adequately with the situation in which the American farmer finds himself.

How He Voted.

"During the whole of Senator McKinley's six years of service he has lent his aid to finding solutions for farmers' problems. This is shown both by his utterances and his votes on agricultural measures.

"In the Sixty-seventh Congress he voted for the emergency tariff bill, placing duties on agricultural products, and in the same Congress he voted for the agricultural credits act, these two measures, in the judgment of many friends of agriculture, constituting the chief measures beneficial to the farming industry.

"In the Sixty-eighth Congress he voted for a measure to promote agriculture in the Northwest by the encouragement of diversification of crops, through loans.

Has These Pending Bills.

"In the present congress no agricultural measures have as yet come



SENATOR WM. B. MCKINLEY

to a vote, but Senator McKinley has been heard in speeches on the floor in encouragement of agricultural relief legislation, and he is the author of three bills, all of them designed to afford relief to the agricultural situation.

"One of these provides for national co-operation in the industry. "Another seeks to stimulate foreign commerce in agricultural products by the issuance of debentures on agricultural exports.

"A third amends the Federal Farm Loan Act, making more liberal terms relative to loans to co-operative marketing associations for capital purposes.

"All these measures will receive due consideration and doubtless will be helpful in reaching whatever conclusion the Congress finally reaches.

Very respectfully,
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