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Smallest Auto Radio Being Perfected Here

What is believed to be the smallest auto radio set in the world has just been perfected by C. M. Rolleson, vice president and chief engineer of the National Electric Products Co., whose laboratory is situated on South Second street, Highland Park. A completed set was taken to the Chicago automobile show yesterday and made a distinct impression among automobile manufacturers, it is reported. The miniature set, which is as powerful as one of standard size, is designed to be hidden away beneath the instrument board of the car without necessity of mutilating the latter in any way, and a powerful and effective speaker also is placed in the front end of the car in such a way as not to interfere with the foot room.

In the laboratory also is being perfected several other new devices to make radio sets more convenient for use in the home and to eliminate unnecessary furniture accessories. The National Electrical Products Co. is the successor of the Pfanstiehl Radio Co. Its factory is in Chicago, but the research work is done at the laboratory in Highland Park by Mr. Rolleson and his assistants, and it is very interesting.

Public Service Co. Given High Rating

The electric and gas service furnished to communities served by the Public Service company of Northern Illinois ranks with the best in the state, it is disclosed in the Illinois Commerce Commission's annual public service ratings, released this month.

The commission's report arranges the communities into classes, on the basis of population, to effect a more just comparison between towns. The four communities receiving the highest ratings for electric service in the class A are on the lines of the Public Service company. This is also true of the 13 highest in class B and the 14 highest in class C.

Five of the 10 communities rated highest for gas service in class A are served by the company, as are two of the three highest in class B and seven of the eight highest in class C.

Prominent among factors considered by the commission in grading are: continuity of service, voltage regulation (pressure regulation in grading gas service), handling of complaints, meter testing, customers' attitude, provisions for emergency and adequacy of capacity.

Mother of Children Who Entertained at Louisville Is Dead

Those Legionnaires who enjoyed the entertainment of the Clark Kiddies, mascots of the Grand Forks, N. D., drum and bugle corps, at the national convention of the American Legion in Louisville, will be shocked to learn that Mrs. W. J. Clark, mother and the kiddies' piano accompanist, passed away Nov. 3. Mrs. Clark became ill shortly after her return home in Grand Forks from the Louisville convention and died within a few weeks.

STARLINGS IN ILLINOIS

An informal survey recently made for the Illinois Audubon society by observers in various portions of the state indicates the more or less widespread distribution of these birds in Illinois at this time, the severe winter conditions generally prevailing seeming to bring their presence all the more into relief. The starling is closely related to the blackbirds and looks very much like one especially in its summer plumage. In its winter plumage with its upper parts heavily spotted with brownish cream-buff, and its entire under parts heavily spotted with white, it is more easily distinguished. In general it might be said that at the present time it is true for most of Illinois that when one sees a blackbird it is likely to be a starling. If these birds are in flocks their chattering will absolutely prove their identity. It might be added that the starling may be known by their long pointed wings and short square tails. They are a little larger than the bob-o-link and smaller than a redwing blackbird.

As late as the winter of 1922 there seemed to be but a few starlings in Illinois, these being reported by Professor Frank Smith from the vicinity of Urbana. In the last two years their numbers have seemed greatly to increase and in various parts of the state they have nested. Within the last thirty days they have been reported from such widely separated places as Marion, Harrisburg, Port Byron, Athens, Vandalia, Mattoon, Barrington, River Forest, Waukegan, and Highland Park. And only recently a skilled observer saw a flock of one hundred starlings within the city limits of Chicago. Dead specimens brought in at Vandalia seem to indicate that the severe weather, or more probably the lack of food, was causing mortality among these wandering visitors.

It is evident Illinois will soon know very much more about the behavior, good or ill, of the starling. Anyone who is interested in anticipating what he might expect is recommended to send to the United States Department of Agriculture for a copy of Farmers Bulletin No. 1571, entitled "The European Starling."

For Dirt Farmers

For dirt farmers, *Farm & Fireside* quotes the line from Eugene O'Neill's "Beyond the Horizon": "That's not dirt, that's good, clean soil."

German colonists whose ancestors settled along the Volga in the time of Catherine the Great are now leaving the bolshevik country as fast as they can. Some of our "liberal" authors and lecturers ought to get a few interviews from these people on what a fine country Red Russia is to live in.

Internationalists say that one advantage of the League of Nations is that the nations get to know one another better by closer association and this promotes peace. Well it doesn't always work out that way when folks get married.

The average internationalist believes that the ideal situation would be one in which Uncle Sam would import everything he uses in foreign ships, and compel every true American to roll up his trousers when it was raining in Geneva.