

## Reeve Blake Annis Presents Rd. Committee Report to C'ty Council

The outstanding report presented to Ontario County Council last week was that of the Roads Committee under the chairmanship of D. Blake Annis, Reeve of the Township of Pickering.

In his report Mr. Annis informed the members of Council that strides had been taken to alleviate most snow-plowing difficulties that have been experienced in the past. He outlined the acquisition of two new snow plow units in the form of a road maintainer complete with snow plow and wing and a four-wheel drive truck complete with plow and wing.

The report also outlined the new allocation of plowing units to certain specified districts and a recommended program of works to be carried out by the incoming council.

Excerpts from Mr. Annis' report are as follows:

Your Committee have again considered the snow plowing of county roads the coming winter. For your information we are reporting that the new No. 512 Adams Power Maintainer was received October 1st, and the F.W.D. Truck has now been received. Both these machines have been operated for dragging and hauling to get them ready for snow plowing. With the addition of these two pieces of equipment your committee are desirous of renting as few snow plowing units the coming winter as possible.

The other snow plowing districts and outfits allocated thereto are as follows:

District No. 1—County Roads in the Township of Rama, Mara and Thorah, as far south as Beaverton, a mileage of 55.4 to be plowed by County K. S. International Truck and Power Maintainer No. 2.

District No. 2—The balance of County Roads in Thorah Township and north portion of Brock Township, mileage 22.3 to be plowed by Power Maintainer No. 1.

District No. 3—The County Roads in the southern and western part of Brock Township including Victoria Corners road, also the County Roads in the Township of Scott and the Epsom Road from Uxbridge to Highway No. 12, a mileage of 53.2 miles to be plowed by F.W.D. Truck (Double shift).

District No. 4—The County Roads in Uxbridge Township No. 8, No. 1, 1A west to Goodwood, the County roads in Pickering, and Whitby Townships, a total mileage of 45 miles, to be plowed by the KR 11 Truck, (Double Shift).

District No. 5—The County Roads in Reach No.'s 6, 2, 2B, 1A west of Manchester to intersect Road No. 1 Uxbridge. No. 2 south to Raglan, and widening Scugog 7 and 7A, mileage 27.5 to be plowed by Power Maintainer No. 3.

District No. 6—County Road No. 5, Myrtle to Raglan, and No. 3, East Whitby, a mileage of 9.5 miles to be plowed by Gun Carrier Truck No. 4.

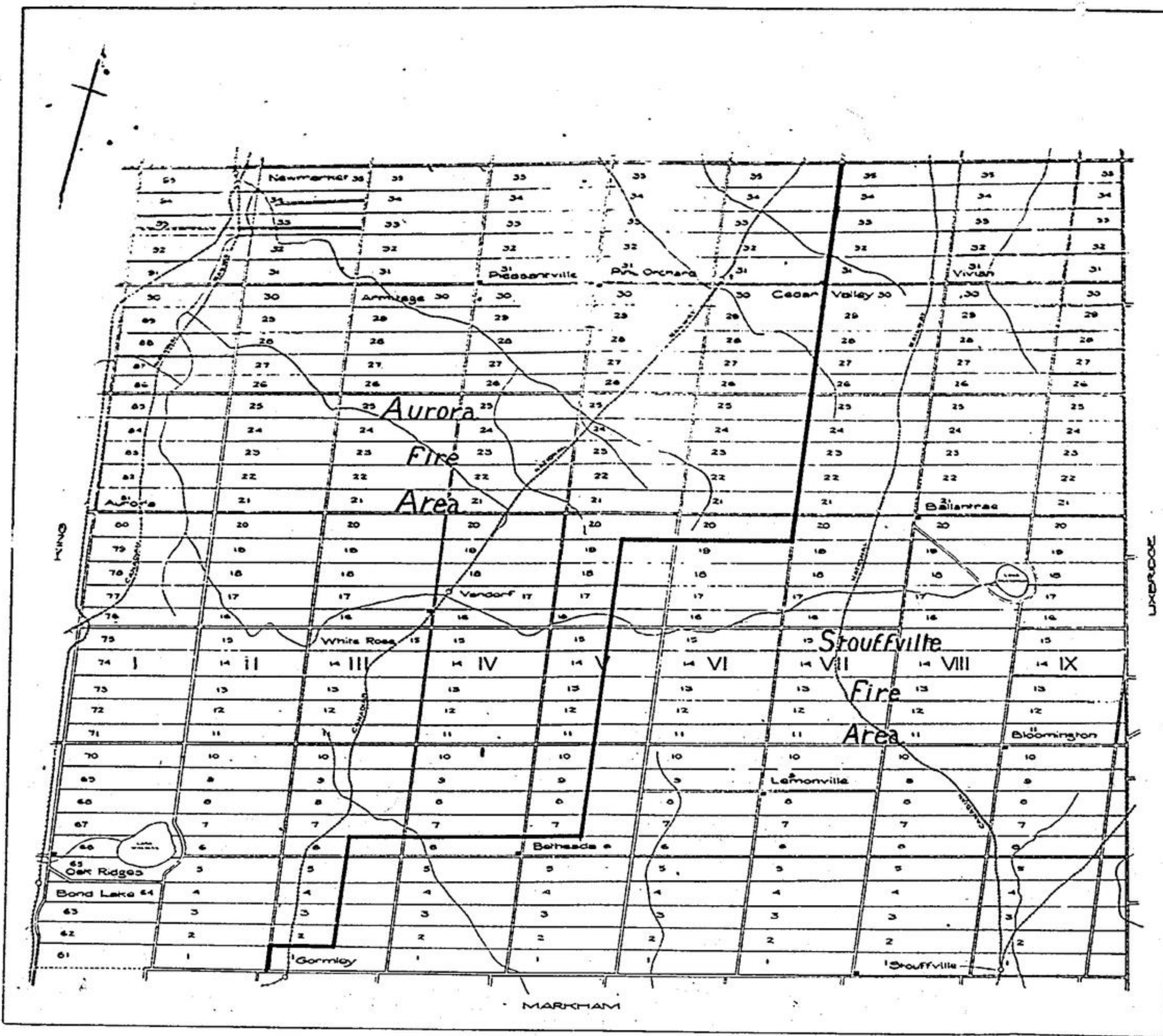
District No. 7—County Roads in the Township of Scugog, a mileage of 95 miles to be plowed by Scugog Township Truck.

**Road Programme**  
(1) Your committee believe that approximately between 45,000 and 50,000 C.Y. of gravel should be placed on the county roads during 1948, and in view of this yardage, both pit run and crushed, we believe consideration should be given to the replacement of the K.S. International Truck, and the Hough Loader which have hauled and loaded thousands of yards of material since 1939. We recommend that the 1948 committee give this proposal due consideration.

5. Your committee desire to bring to your attention a question which to our minds is very much alive, that is the roadside weeds. We spray at approximately \$17.53 a mile, we mow with mower and we believe that this procedure is the quickest method to obtain eradication of weeds, if that is ever possible. The grading and ditching of roads by the modern method allows roadsides to be completely mowed after spraying. Your committee recommend we get another side cutting mower for the second Ford Tractor which we now own and work it in conjunction with the present mower which we purchased the past season. Your committee believe that the removal of the high fence rows on the roadsides with their dense shrubbery, the wide easy sloping ditches will compensate any municipality with less snow removal costs and present less difficulty to control the weed nuisance.

6. Your committee desire to again bring to your attention the construction of the wider, heavier super structure of the Duffin's Creek Bridge, and have the 1948 committee give it their consideration. One half mile west of this bridge is the Palmer Bridge which is an old structure with a wooden floor. The present super structure of the Duffin's Creek Bridge could be moved with little difficulty to the site of the Palmer Bridge, and would appear to have considerable merit.

## Municipality of Whitchurch - Fire Areas



### FARMERS FEEDING GRAIN FIT FOR SEED

With prospects of a short supply of seed oats and barley for 1948, due to adverse seeding and harvesting conditions, the Ontario Crops Branch in co-operation with county weed inspectors and Agricultural Representatives has been making a survey of the seed situation. Many farmers did not get their spring grain sown last spring and others experienced difficulty getting their grain harvested in good enough condition for seed.

Frank Marritt of Keswick, County Weed Inspector states that when making the York County survey he found many farmers feeding grain that would make good seed. They explained that if they kept it for seed they would have to buy feed grain at the present inflated price, yet if sufficient good seed is not available maximum crops will not be harvested in 1948.

What the seed prices will be by spring few wish to predict but according to W.M. Cockburn, Agricultural Representative for York, dealers have been offering for 17¢ to 22¢ per bushel for unregistered seed already. He urges farmers to shop around right away for suitable seed and place their orders. While this might mean purchasing feed grain, Mr. Cockburn warns against heavy buying at the present time.

### CHRISTMAS STORE HOURS

The merchants of Stouffville have agreed to open their stores two evenings before Christmas, that is Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Dec. 23 and 24, and of course the Wednesday half-holiday will be dispensed with during Christmas week.

The merchants also call upon the Reeve to declare Boxing Day (December 26) a public holiday. Thus when the stores close on Wednesday night, Christmas eve, they will remain closed until Saturday morning, Dec. 27.

### PAY \$100 WEEKLY TO VISIT HOME OF JESSE JAMES

The legend of Jesse James, famed desperado of the post-Civil War era, is big business today in the town of St. Josephs, Missouri, U.S.A. Visitors from many parts of the world pay approximately \$100 a week in individual 25-cent fees to see the 76-year-old house on St. Joseph's eastern outskirts where in 1882 bullets fired by Robert and Charles Ford, members of the James gang, ended the life of the notorious bank robber and train bandit.

Attracted by a sign outside the house depicting a fiery horse and rider brandishing a huge revolver, tourists usually follow the sign's advice to: "Stop, this is the Jesse James home. See the bullet hole." Rented as recently as 1937 for \$8 a month, the square frame building now reported to be worth \$100,000. The room with the bullet hole is 17 feet square, furnished as in the days of the James brothers, with wooden bed, Civil War rocker and straight, cane-bottomed chairs.

road for many years as the traffic is very light. This salvaging idea would appear to have considerable merit.

### WHO MAY VOTE NEXT MONDAY

All property owners, and all tenants.

The wives of property owners and the wives of tenants, provided their names are entered on the revised voters' list, parts one or two. Persons appearing on part three of the list have no vote at municipal elections.

A church, lodge or industrial concern owing property that is assessable may file with the clerk ten days before taking the vote, the name of some nominee, or trustee, who shall have the right to vote on such property.

### HOW TO KEEP SUNDAY? CONVENTION THEME

"How are we to preserve our Canadian Sunday?" was the theme of a topic discussed after a talk by Rev. N. Rowan at the annual fall rally of the Whitchurch Rural Sunday-School Teachers' Association.

A resolution was framed which will be presented for approval to the annual convention next May to be forwarded to the Whitchurch twp. council regarding a number of steps considered by the personnel of the association to be essential to preserve the original spirit of Lord's Day observance.

Another feature of the evening was a presentation by J. Shepherd of the Pine Orchard Sunday School of an attractive program for the teen-age boys who often are lost to the Sunday-School. The thought emphasized was that the natural tendency of the adolescent boy is the "gang" instinct which should be encouraged in the proper channels instead of discouraged as being intrinsically evil.

While the slippery driving conditions prevented a large attendance, there was no lack of enthusiasm in the discussion led by Rev. Morton, Stouffville, or in the response to the special selections rendered by the Gormley quartette.

## Shops Pleased at Relaxation of Dim-Out

Retail merchants expressed satisfaction today with the new ruling from Ontario Hydro, which permits them to light their show-windows with a single 100-watt lamp in each window, provided interior lighting in the store is reduced by an amount sufficient to make up the difference.

Ontario Hydro's relaxation of its original ban on show-window lighting came in response to such a request from the merchants themselves. The change in the orders applies only from December 1 to Christmas Day, and from 4 p.m. to closing time, which must not be later than 9 p.m.

Permission to burn one 100-watt lamp in each window will be of greater advantage to the small storekeeper than to the merchant with large show-windows, one retailer said today, but several of those with larger windows are supplementing the Hydro lighting with battery illumination.

### POLICE OFFICERS' DAUGHTERS MARRY

The daughters of two Aurora police officers were married on Saturday in a period of four hours.

Margaret Helen Dunham, daughter of Chief Constable Fisher Dunham and Mrs. Dunham, was married to George Hodgins, of Aurora, in Aurora Anglican Church at 7 p.m. Hilda Norma Fleury, daughter of York County Constable Aubrey Fleury, of Aurora, wed Alan Dalton, of Whitchurch Township, four hours earlier in Aurora United Church.

Canadians can spend only \$150 a year in the United States according to regulations. What is to prevent Canadians from borrowing money from relatives or friends and paying it back when the visit is returned in this country?

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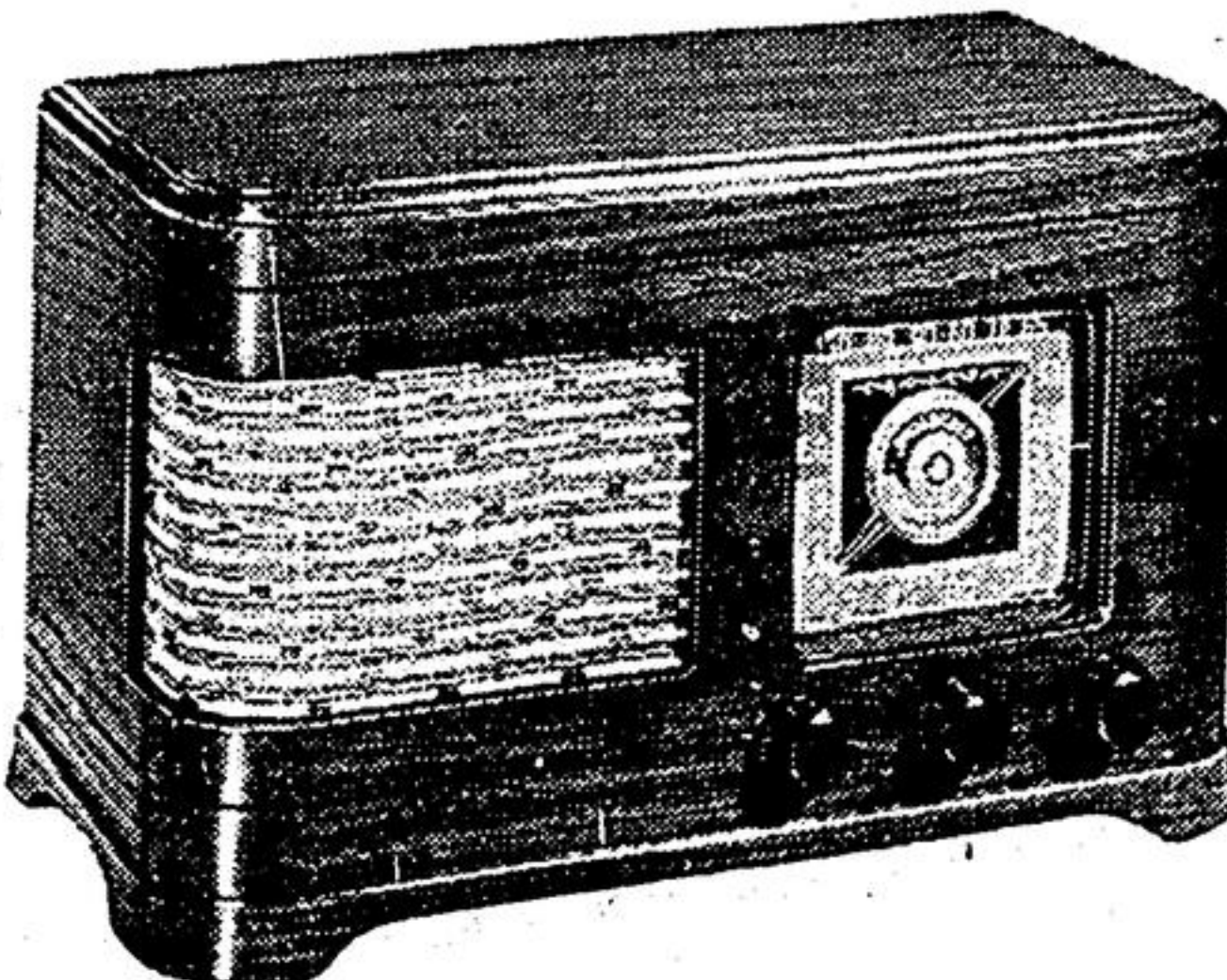
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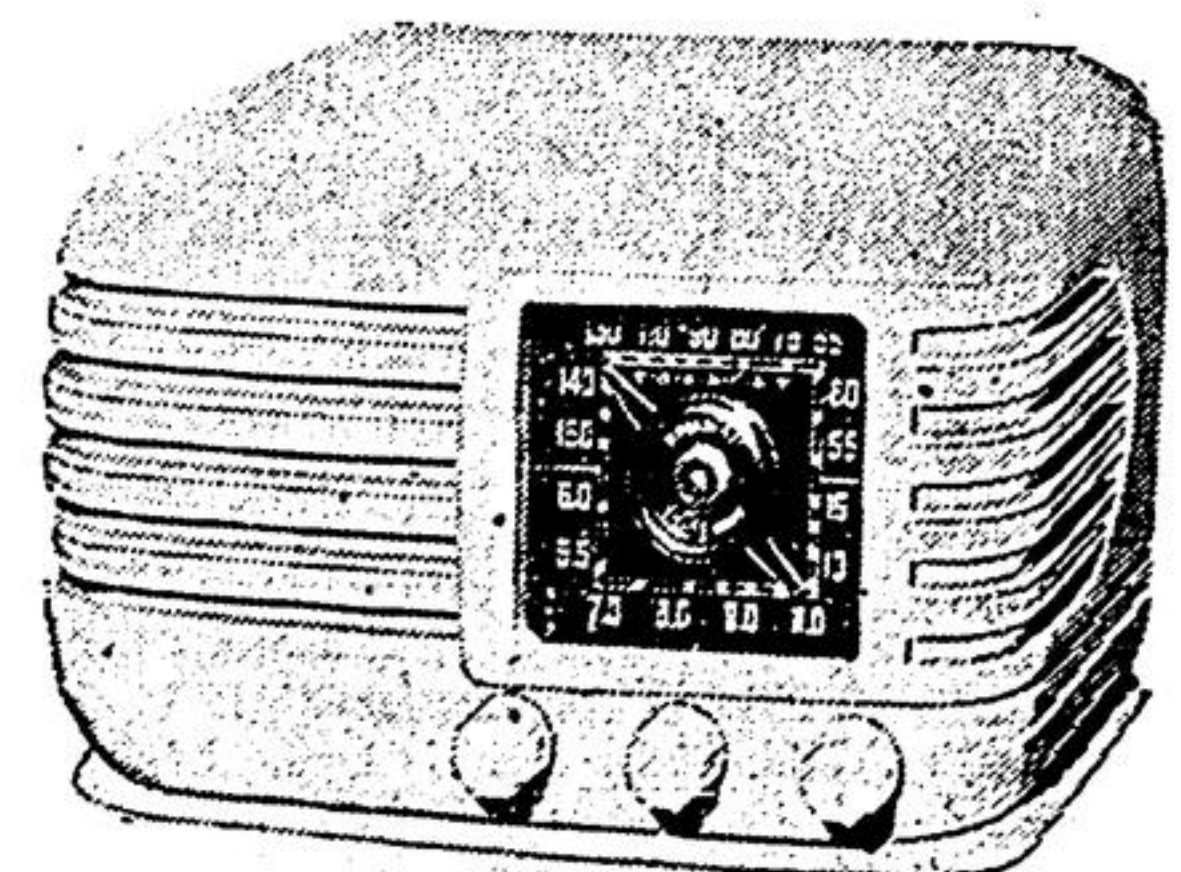
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