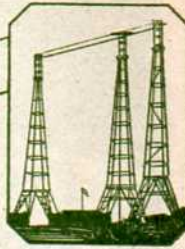


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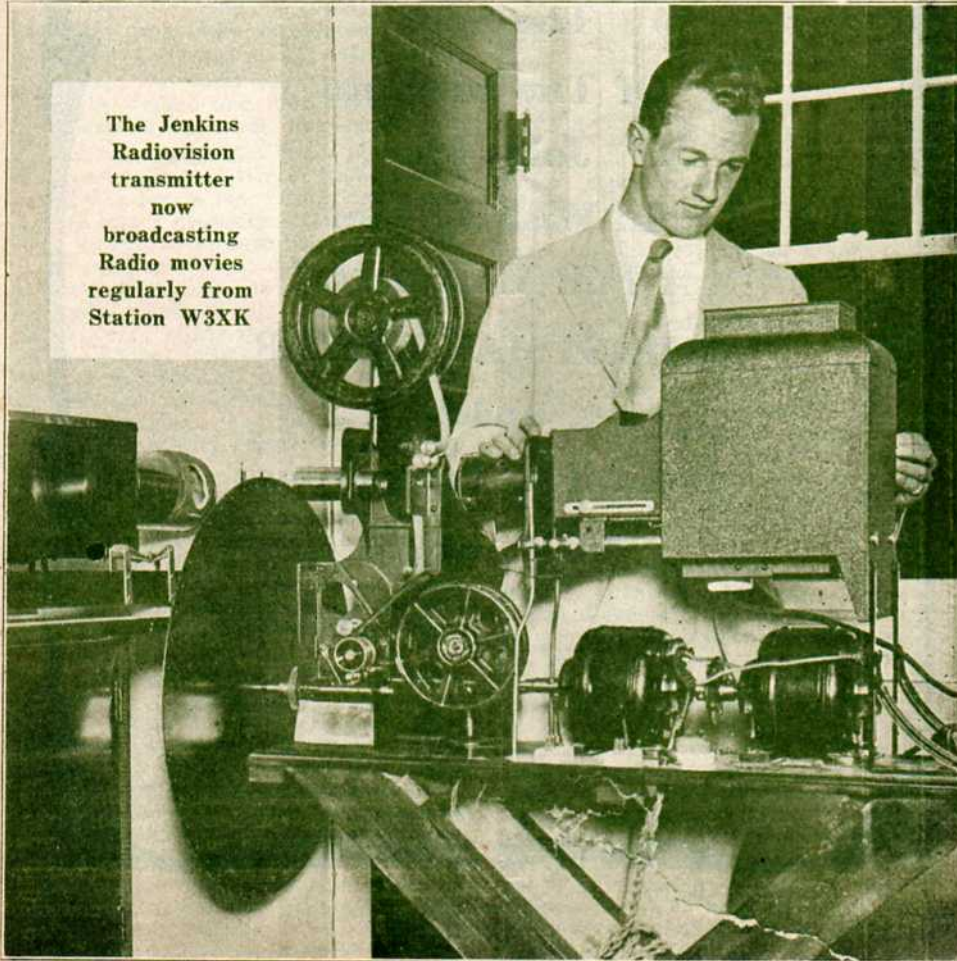
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The Jenkins
Radiovision
transmitter
now
broadcasting
Radio movies
regularly from
Station W3XK





Christmas Greeting

The Staff
Of The Institute
Joins Me
In Wishing You
A Full Measure Of
CHRISTMAS CHEER
And A
Bountiful, Prosperous
NEW YEAR

J. E. Smith

Vice President Curtis Lauds Radio's Progress

*Speaks at Opening of
Washington Radio Show*



IT WAS less than 10 years ago that Radio was first introduced to the public of the United States. Most of you remember the early days of broadcasting; the limited and unsatisfactory entertainment; the crude, home-made sets.

What a change has taken place. We have seen the evolution of Radio from a novelty, a toy, a fad, into a luxury, and thence into a necessity of our daily life; it is an epic of modern business growth. As I stand here tonight, in the midst of a show displaying the latest perfection in Radio receiving sets I marvel at the development of the radio industry. Even in the United States, where we are becoming accustomed to rapid industrial growth and advancement this progress is breath-taking. And yet Radio is still in its infancy with greater developments still to come.

We are hearing much these days to the effect that modern inventions are destroying American home life. This is not true of Radio. It holds a unique place in that it is returning us to our firesides, bringing to the home the best in entertainment and educational information.

In radio broadcasting's first few years of existence, entertainment was paramount. While I believe that entertainment always will be paramount in Radio programs, yet I also believe that Radio is an indispensable medium for disseminating timely information and a means of instruction on topics of general interest.

Because the Radio penetrates to hearth and home, it is the most personal medium of public communication of which I know. It has tremendous possibilities for good.

I am very glad to say that the great broadcasting companies of today have kept it on a high level; have kept it clean; have kept it worthy of our great Nation.

Radio knows no distance. For it State lines are meaningless; borders between nations no longer exist; the seas no longer separate continents. Radio is bringing the people of our great Nation closer to each other; promoting better understanding between the people of the United States and foreign nations.

We marveled at the first national hook-ups for Radio programs, and now international broadcasting is not far distant—in fact, it has been accomplished. In the recent speech of Great Britain's prime minister, James Ramsay MacDonald, we had an excellent example. This envoy of peace and good will spoke to you over the Radio the other night and his voice was broadcast not only throughout this nation, but throughout the world.

The possibilities of international broadcasting, the interchange of Radio programs between America, England, France, Germany, and other countries of the world is established; its full benefits will be felt in the not far distant future. It will help us realize that when we speak of the other nations of the world, we are really speaking of individuals much like ourselves. I am looking forward to the day of the international program, for I know that when that time comes a new era will dawn.

Radio has played an important part in our life for the past 10 years; it will play a still greater part in the days to come—this is demonstrated in the latest products of manufacturers as shown on display in this room.

