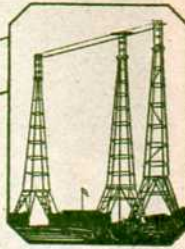


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## Christmas Greeting

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.

# HINTS ON LEARNING

By GRADUATE VICTOR L. OSGOOD



IT IS probably more customary to entitle such an article as this, "Hints on Studying," but it is my wish to differentiate between the two in this case and offer

a few suggestions to NRI students that I have found very helpful in my advancement of Radio knowledge. Studying without learning that which is studied is quite easy; studying and learning at the same time is a little more difficult; but learning without studying is a long and tedious process and it is doubtful if anyone, except a genius, could even keep up with the advance of the art by learning in this way.

The N. R. I. offers the best of advice on how to study the course and having completed it myself, I am in a position to say that it is entirely comprehensive enough to fit anyone, who will LEARN it, for a good position with one of the numerous radio companies in the country.

To study, memorize and be taught is not nearly as satisfactory a method of fixing facts in the mind as that of conceiving and visualizing the why and wherefore of a statement of fact or formula. Take for granted the truth of a statement made by one who KNOWS, but don't be satisfied until you have seen, in your mind's eye, why it is true. As a simple example, Ohm's law says, in effect, that the current through a resistance varies directly with the voltage across the resistance when the resistance remains constant. No doubt about it, but if you will think over to yourself, when you read that

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that the current is the result of the voltage and SHOULD, therefore, increase or decrease in value with an increase or decrease in the voltage value (a case of "cause and effect") then the formula ceases to be only a mathematical way of stating a fact, and becomes a logical statement of common sense.

The process by which I have found electrical terms to be very understandable is to think of them in terms of their mechanical equivalents; because each one HAS its physical analogy, and these physical analogies are all familiar to us in our everyday life. They are listed below:

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|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Electrical.     | Physical.                  |
| Voltage.....    | Pressure, or force.        |
| Current.....    | Velocity, or speed         |
| Resistance..... | Friction                   |
| Inductance..... | Mass, or weight.           |
| Capacity.....   | Compliance, or flexibility |

Weight is not really mass, though they have the same ratio to each other for all objects on the surface of the earth. But an article weighing five pounds, more or less, on Mars, yet the mass would be the same on either planet. That is, at a given rate of speed it would strike the same blow, when stopped suddenly, on Mars or on the earth. But we are not going to Mars and so we may consider inductance as being the equivalent of the more familiar term, weight.

We have a one hundred pound object on the floor and we exert a force against it to slide it along. If that force remains constant and the friction with the floor remains constant, then the speed of the object will also be constant.

But if we double (or triple) the force, the friction still remaining constant, we will double (or triple) the speed. On the other hand, doubling the frictional resistance would cut the speed to one-half under a constant pushing force.

This is Ohm's law illustrated mechanically and in a way with which most anyone is familiar. Substituting the electrical equivalents will readily show you why the law applies to electrical circuits.

Imagine a weightless steel bar mounted in such a manner that one end is rigid while the other end may be moved by flexing the steel. Here we have a capacity which offers infinite reactance to a constant motion in one direction (considering the spring to be unbreakable). It moves through a short distance and

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E. R. HAAS

THIS—the Christmas Season—is one of the happiest times of the year for us here at the Institute. Mr. Smith, "Chief" Dowie and I get together and check back over the accomplishments of the year, look over the records of students and graduates, the jobs you are holding down, the step by step progress you are making, and the opportunities right ahead of students just starting in the course.

Year in and year out we have seen men come into our student body, study hard, master Radio and graduate into promising positions in a new, fascinating field. Before us there is a sort of parade of men from the ranks of the unskilled, the lowly paid and untrained on to the field of Radio opportunity equipped with the weapon of specialized training ready for a Radio career!

Now, isn't that enough to fill one with joy? Nothing gives more satisfaction than being able to help others achieve big things—to live richer, more successful lives.

To those of you who have not yet graduated we are looking ahead with you to the time when you will be full-fledged Radio-Tricians. There are better times ahead for you. There are times ahead when an hour's study now may mean hundreds of dollars to you! There are times ahead when you will be called upon to make important decisions, solve problems and do other high-grade professional work. So let me urge you to



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carry on in the traditional N. R. I. spirit. Master your work step by step, carefully, thoroughly, so that during the coming year you, too, may take advantage of Radio's big opportunities! E. R. HAAS.

"The great need at the present time is for men who are really trained and who will think."—Thomas A. Edison.

Every man is knocked down at least once—it is the getting up that counts.

To earn more, learn more.

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