

# VARIED EXPERIENCE IS HELP TO DE PEW

## ANNOUNCER FOR STATION WCBD; LONG AT ZION

One of the First Settlers at City; Has Been with Station Since Beginning

ZION, ILL.—Mr. J. H. DePew, Chief Announcer and Manager of Station WCBD, is one of the pioneer residents of Zion, having affiliated with the church founded by John Alexander Dowie in the early days of its history in Chicago, and was among the very first on the scene at the inception of the City of Zion in Lake County, Illinois.

Mr. DePew was called into the service of Dr. Dowie in 1901, to help establish the first general merchandise store in the community. First as clerk and later as department manager, Mr. DePew remained in the Zion store until the population had grown from half a dozen workmen to a community numbering over two thousand, within slightly more than a year from the time of his arrival. He was elected the first City Clerk and served several years in that capacity and later was chosen by Dr. Dowie as his personal attendant, accompanying him on his travels and acting as office man and factotum when at home.

### Leaves Zion City

When the financial difficulties in the city arose in 1906, Mr. DePew perforce joined the dispersion in common with many other young men, and sought elsewhere for employment, finally drifting to the Isthmus of Panama where he engaged with the government in connection with the work of digging the Panama Canal. The latter part of his five-year stay in the Canal Zone was as private investigator for General Geo. W. Goethals, Chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission and Chief Engineer of the Panama Canal.

Early in 1912, Mr. DePew removed to Zion and entered the employ of Wilbur Glenn Voliva, Dr. Dowie's successor as General Overseer of the Church, in the same capacity he occupied with Dr. Dowie, that of personal attendant and office man.

### Appointed Announcer-Manager

He continued in this position until Mr. Voliva decided to erect a broadcasting station, when he was made manager and first announcer. Mr. DePew is a man of family, having a wife and four sons, three of whom are grown to manhood. Mr. DePew is a native of the state of Texas, having spent the early years of his life on a cattle ranch in San Saba County.

Station WCBD is located in the geographical center of Zion city. The Radio building stands in the center of the Temple site—a ten-acre tract of ground—which is surrounded by Shiloh Park, a preserve of two hundred acres. This building and the Shiloh Tabernacle being the only buildings within the preserve.

The present installation is a Western Electric 500-watt transmitting set, but a contract has been signed for a 5 kilo-watt set, delivery to be made next January.

## Plan to Tell Public About "Fly-by-Night" Stock Firms

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.—A list of stock selling firms which have been found to be unreliable hereafter will be broadcast every two weeks by the Better Business Bureau of New York, which is affiliated with the Associated Advertising clubs of the world, it has been announced by the Youngstown Ad club.

The innovation was suggested by a member of the Youngstown club. Heretofore the list prepared by agents of the Associated clubs has been furnished to banks, and the new plan aims at a wider distribution of the information.

In Manchester, England, a progressive tinker has established a new sort of peddling. He goes about the streets doing odd jobs in repairing broadcast receivers and carries a selection of spare parts for such apparatus.

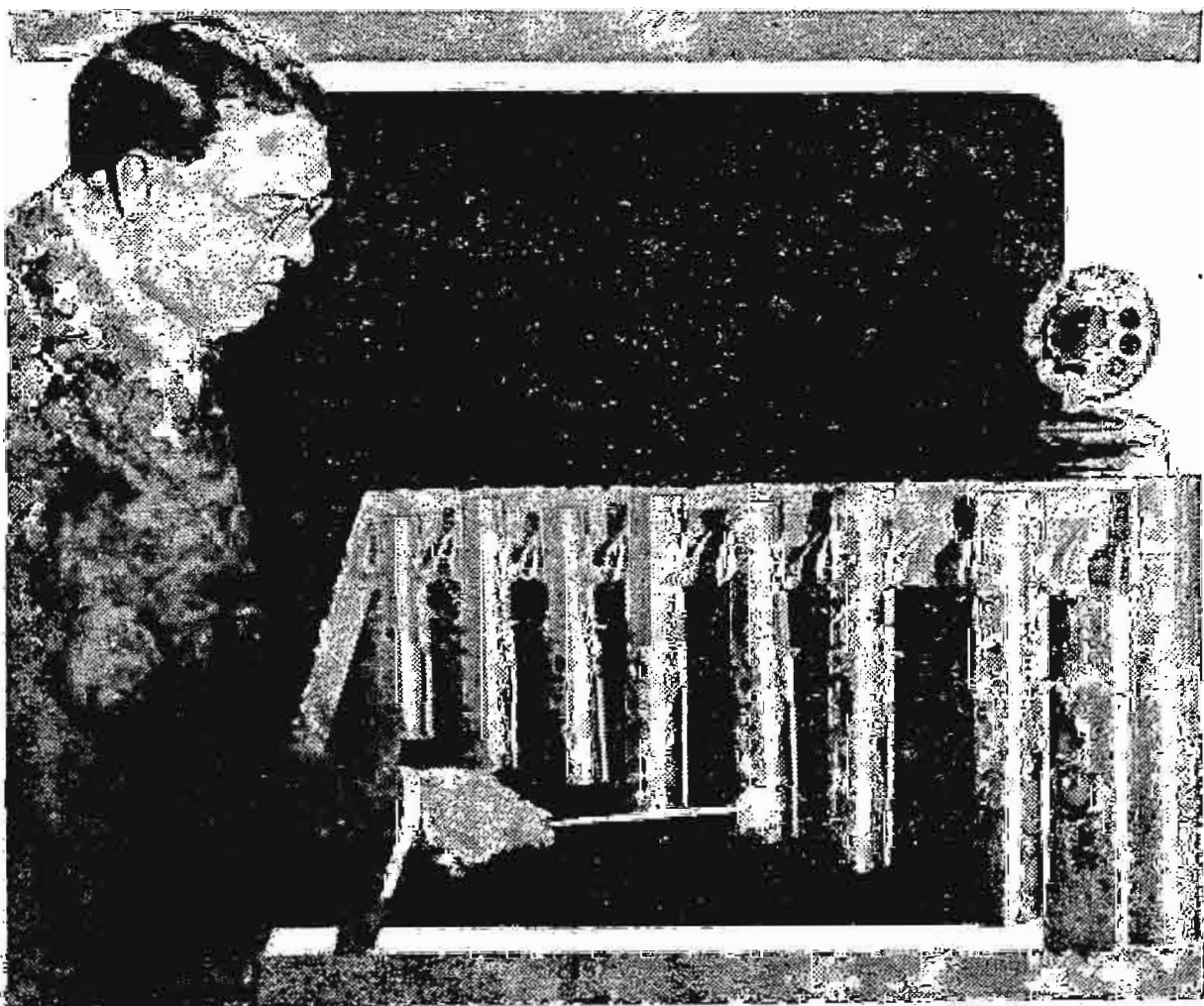
## SO SHE HAD HIS SET PUT UNDER CURFEW

CINCINNATI.—George Wann must not listen in on his Radio after 10 o'clock at night. So Municipal Judge George F. Eylich, Jr., recently ruled when Wann was arranged on a charge of disorderly conduct. Mrs. Sophia Decker, same address, who swore to the charge, testified that Wann's loud speaker kept her awake at nights. She charged that Wann called her vile names when she remonstrated with him.

## HOSPITAL PATIENTS SMILE WITH RADIO

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—"The Radio stations are making the hospitals smile now," exclaims Rudolf Emman, a patient in Lawrence hospital at Bronxville, N. Y., in a letter to WGY here. He goes on to describe how nine of the patients enjoyed the broadcasting of the play "Pollyanna," and how the following week the entire hospital was invited into the men's ward, which became a miniature theater for the evening.

## POPULAR CHIMES OF ZION CITY



J. DePew, announcer at Station WCBD, playing the chimes used at the end of each program and which are said to be the most musical in the country. P. & A. Photo

## WCX Announcer's Heart with Blind

### Ted Harrington Finds Soul Interest in Helping Sightless to Utilize the Greatest Modern Inventions

DETROIT.—Ted Harrington, who announces so pleasingly every day and evening at Station WCX, the Detroit Free Press, is not a blind man, but his sympathy goes out to these unfortunate folk, and it is his greatest delight if he can do anything that can relieve their handicap.

He has found Radio to have unsurpassed advantages in this respect. There is hardly a week goes by that he doesn't hunt out some one of these persons and aid him in acquiring a set. When it is once established he sees that it is maintained in good order. Then he makes it a point at certain times to broadcast special programs and other information that will be encouraging.

### "Open Up New World to Blind"

"My heart has always gone out to the blind people, and I have found Radio one of the greatest blessings that has ever come to them," he said.

"It is difficult for people afflicted in this way to get about, and when they do, they are usually dependent on others to help them. With Radio it is different. By its use the blind can enjoy all of the best music, church services and a vast amount of other entertainment without depending

on anyone. That is why I am encouraging the blind wherever possible to acquire a Radio set. I believe these afflicted people appreciate Radio more than those who see. It is like opening up a new world to them, and I want to help them all I can.

"We have heard a lot about the pleasures the deaf get out of the Radio. I am glad of that also, but think how much more pleasure and comfort the blind must get from it."

## INVENT IGNITION THAT WORKS IN DEATH RAY

### Swiss Engineers Do Away with Electric Magneto System

GENEVA.—One result of the work of Grindell-Matthews and other inventors of "death rays" is that two young Swiss engineers here have perfected an internal combustion motor which uses a substitute for the magneto ignition system. The two men, Gerber Walter and Melliore, decided that if the magneto of a motor was so sensitive to Radio waves they must find some way to avoid this difficulty.

They devised, therefore, a system of explosion by air-compression on the same general principal as the Diesel motor; save that instead of igniting the cylinder gasses by compression, it is the air in a small chamber above the cylinder which is heated by fast compression to such an extent that when admitted to the cylinder it explodes the gasses therein as effectively as does the present spark-plug.

## KOP'S THREE AUTOS CATCH HOLD-UP MEN

### SPECIAL RADIO-EQUIPPED CARS ACT EFFICIENTLY

#### Broadcast Reports of Crimes Enable Flying Squadrons to Keep in Touch with Headquarters

DETROIT.—Three separate gangs of hold-up men have been caught redhanded by the Radio equipped police automobiles of Detroit. Capable of a speed of eighty miles an hour, these cars are in constant touch with the police broadcaster, KOP, using a wave length of 286 meters.

The automobiles are remarkable in many respects, and were designed specially for police patrol work. In each of the three above instances, a telephone alarm to Police Headquarters was promptly broadcast by Radio to the police cars, and in all three cases they arrived at the scene of the attempted crime in time to apprehend the perpetrators.

The automobiles are equipped with special sets installed in the back of the front seats. The aerial is built in the permanent top, and the body of the car acts as a counterpoise ground.

### Bullet Proof Windshield

From outward appearances there is nothing to indicate that the automobiles are unusual in any manner. This is due to the concealed aerial which consists of four wires stretched back and forth inside the automobile top.

The receiver is fastened permanently in its compartment back of the front seats and the batteries are located close to it.

The windshield is seven-eighths inch thick, and is bullet-proof. Two gun-racks are installed in the cars fitted on the heel-boards of the front and rear seats. Sawed-off shotguns are carried in them.

The receiving sets are sealed in adjustment to Station KOP. Loud speaker reception is used so that the crew can hear an alarm the instant it is broadcast.

## "Hyperprism" Almost Is Musical—Almost!

### But Kind Composer Limits Radio-cast to Five Minutes

LONDON.—Undoubtedly the most interesting event in recent British programs has been the broadcasting of "Hyperprism," the composition of Mr. Varese, a futurist musical composer, who has just arrived from the United States.

When it was put on, the general opinion among listeners in was that something had gone radically wrong with their sets or that Senatore Marconi had finally succeeded in connecting up with the Moon and had relayed a message from there as a surprising climax to the evening's performance.

"Hyperprism" can scarcely be called a composition—it is really an arrangement of sounds in certain gradations, according to the emotional effect they produce. There is absolutely no harmony and only a crude species of rhythm. The sort of noises the studious youth of England makes at Oxford and Cambridge when it runs along the banks of a river during a boat race is a gentle titillation in comparison. Fortunately, however, for the auditory apparatus of those enthusiasts who endured the pandemonium, Mr. Varese was merciful when he concocted "Hyperprism"—it only lasts five minutes.

### Austrian Police Use Sets

VIENNA.—In Austria there has been such a mania of speeding in automobiles that drastic measures to stop it are being taken by the police, who have decided to make use of Radio. Police cars furnished with transmitting and receiving sets are now patrolling the roads ready to give chase to any reckless driver or pass on word to the next police auto so that a trap may be set.

## THE ANTENNA BROTHERS

## Spir L. and Lew P.

## Modernized Redskins

