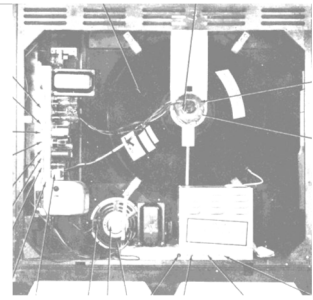
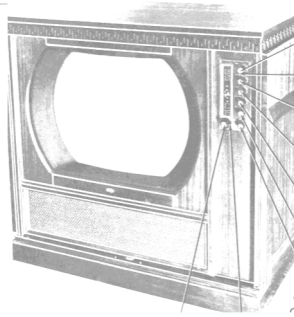


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WHAT'S NEW IN OLD TVS

The Newsletter of the Early Television Foundation

Greetings Early Television Fans,

This is Volume 3, Number 3 of the Early Television Foundation Newsletter. **The March Zoom meeting will be on Saturday, March 28 at 8 PM.**

The ETF website told us the sad news of the passing of John Folsom and we have a remembrance. Steve McVoy told us that several 15 inch color sets from John's collection will become part of the museum display. Also the museum received a donation of early Sony TVs that will be on display. These are more good reasons to attend this year's convention and Steve reminds us to register on line. Check the website for convention details. Last Month, Mike Molnar's presentation on the tube model Japanese "Handy TV" was cancelled at the last minute by a loud bang and a power failure at Mike's home. Power came back but too late. Conspiracy theorists take note.. Who wants to stop news about the "Handy TV" from going public. Mike is going to try again in this month's zoom meeting. on Saturday, March 28, 8PM

We want to hear from you !

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In This Issue:

Editor Mike Molnar shares a remembrance of John Folsom plus some comics and a mystery picture

Join or Renew your Membership

Many 2025 members need to renew

We are always looking for:

- **Letters** from members
- **Tech Tips** from service experiences
- **My first TV** (family stories?)
- **My favorite TV** (and why)
- **Stories** of working in the business.
- **Articles** that can be added in whole or in parts.

Remembering John Folsom



John was an ETF convention regular for many years. Here are some photos from 2009 and 2010

Photos submitted by
Wayne Bretyl

below: John waits patiently for the rest of the group to decide what to order



REBUILDING THE 15GP22

A Journey by
John Folsom and **Bob Galanter**



John and Bob took it on themselves to research a way to rebuild 15GP22 CRTs and reported on the problems in 2010. Problems still unresolved today.



John was always helping with repairs and adjustments. Most of the pixs I found were the back of John's head, as he was always very deep into his work



John finally finished his project so he and I got a chance to discuss early color tv one of our favorite topics



John did get to enjoy the 2025 conference,
sadly he will be missed this year
John Folsom 1952 - 2026

Mystery Photo



What can you tell us about this picture ???

Do you know the when where and why the TVs are lined up like this? Email us your thoughts on this.

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On the next page John Hawes shares a comic page from a 1920s Radio News magazine.

See how your sense of humor matches that of a century ago.

Radiotics

IT'S A CRUEL WORLD!



Fair warning from the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* of June 3: "Edwin Franko Goldman, whose band concerts will be HARD on NBC networks this summer"—Well, we suppose the wearied telephone engineer will have to get out and patch up the lines of communication again. Wear and tear is all in his day-and-night work.
—C. H. Shipman.

WATCH OUT FOR YOUR PEP!



Now that the spell-binder is on the air, to say nothing of lecturers on all subjects from the "Intellectual Life of Epizoa" up and down, fans will welcome the relief advertised by the *Park Radio Service* of New York: "DULL wave rectifier for most eliminators and Electric sets." Book our order for a dozen.
—E. O. Dumas.

INTERIOR DECORATION



Purchasers have now a choice in electrical supplies, as *W. C. Brown Co.*'s catalog describes appliances "designed to operate on 5 1/2 IN. to 18 1/2 IN. volts." We want to buy 110 sixteen-inch volts to fit our new console cabinet; and the Missus tells us to be sure and get black-and-gold ones in the Chinese style.
—K. R. Sipple.

RECOMMENDED TO LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS

Static discourager described in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* of June 17 incorporates an old-fashioned variometer, which "may be mounted near the SEA." Would a Great Lake do instead? If not, we fear it will be of little use to the Chicago man trying to tune in Denver on a summer night.
—Joseph Sheehan.



FATHER, DEAR FATHER—

Victory of radio over time and space predicted in the *Seattle Times* of June 11: "The entertainment at the Radio Manufacturers' Association banquet will last two YEARS." Oh, well, it's a great life if you don't weaken; but we'd hate to meet the trunk-line tolls—or the grape-juice bill.
—E. L. Brennan.



THE AUTOMATIC SET

Newest in radio sets heralded in the *Boston Globe* of May 23: "Batteryless and battery-OPENED receiving sets will be marketed by this company," thus giving the battery a chance to demonstrate its versatility. Not only can it supply the necessary electric fluid, but it will dust off the console, open the doors and tune in the Eveready Hour.
—Stedman F. Arnold.



TELEVISION IN "BANANALAND"

Advertisement in the *Brisbane (Queensland) Telegraph* of May 1 announces: "Splendid 3-valver for sale; southern stations, can be SEEN and heard any night on phoning M1369." Mike, our special investigator, left at once on the airship *Northern Crown* to get the latest specifications on this new telephone attachment.
—O. J. Blakely (Australia).



If you happen to see any humorous misprints in the press we shall be glad to have you clip them out and send to us. No **RADIO TIC** will be accepted unless the printed original giving the name of the newspaper or magazine is submitted, with date and page on which it appeared. We will pay \$1.00 for each **RADIO TIC** accepted and printed here. A few humorous lines from each correspondent should accompany each **RADIO TIC**. The most humorous ones will be printed. Address all **RADIO TIC**s to
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c/o Radio News.

THIS IS DISCRIMINATION



High living means trouble in running an electric set; if we are to judge by the announcement of a transformer furnishing "Current Supply for AC VALES" only, in *Popular Radio* for May. That's all right for some; but us homesteaders on the hillside have to tote the old battery up and down, just the same.
—R. Chass.

NO AID TO BEAUTY

Cromwellian gesture in the *Boston Post* of June 17: "The power input to the (television) motor is a p r o x i m a t e l y 100 WARTS." Catch us being televised! We might take a chance if the worst to be anticipated was a crop of freckles; but warts are too serious, and we might not find a boyhood chum to sell them to.
—George Danforth.



"SPARKS" SHOULD STRIKE

All is not rosy among the sky-going operators, according to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* of June 11, which tips us off that James Warner of the *Southern Cross* employed "an aerial 26 feet long for short WAGES." Heroes often have to take their pay out in glory, we fear; but we hope that Jim gets a speedy raise.
—Warren Wooten.



ANOTHER HOOK-UP, OSCAR

Radiodynamic offering in the *Fort Wayne (Ind.) Journal-Gazette* of May 27: "One 5-tube distance-getter CABLE PIPE, walnut cabinet 135-volt outfit cheap." We have suspected some of these DX bounds of possessing pipes. Perhaps you shred the cable into fine-cut, put it in your pipe and smoke it—and get Pekin.
—Donald Hill.



IN THE SWEET BY-AND-BY

Commercial candor in an advertisement of *Hartman's* in the *Madison (Ky.) Messenger* of April 15: "Buy from us; we guarantee delivery **SOME** day." Truth, crushed to earth, will rise again; and all things come to him who waits—if he doesn't die of old age while waiting. (We know; we've tried it!)
—Ollie Meloy.



PAGE DR. NIKOLA TESLA

The army air service has quietly solved the problem of radio power transmission, says the *Chicago News* of June 8; from airplane generators at Dayton, "they obtain a supply of 1,000 volts at 500 MILES." With heavier wire in our set, at this distance we should be able to tune in enough juice to light the house.
—O. A. Ennis.



WE RECOMMEND MORE COURTESY

Directions for building a 7-tube set in the *B. of L. F. & E. Magazine* for May: "The short strip of **INSULTING** material is mounted on small blocks." Personally, we wouldn't want to insure a set that would give too much impolite back-talk to some of those husky railroad hotheads. It might be returned to the junkbox before its time.
—Frank T. Porter.



SPEED UP, SAMMY!

Influence of the six-day races revealed by the *Elmira (N. Y.) Telegram* of June: "Even the slightest cracking of paper held by speakers before the **BIKE** has been eliminated in the studio of KFI." Yes, we thought we could see the wheels going round, when we got into the studio the first time.
—Teddy Casteline.



WE DON'T QUITE GET IT

The theological editor is on his vacation, and the rest are still puzzling over a service described in the *Auburn (Ind.) Dispatch* of April 10: "Six new members of the Hill Top Church were **BAPTIZED** Sunday evening, and two by **RADIO**." Radio waves are versatile, indeed, but we don't know how to use them in place of water.
—Ollie Meloy.



EVERYTHING UP-TO-DATE

Bargain offer in the *Cleveland Press* of June 8 intrigues us: "Splitdorf Brand New Sets, equipped with superpower switches, wired for **LOWER** tube, \$18.80." Well, if they can pipe a house nowadays for radio and lights, why can't they wire a set for water, gas and sewer pipes? We want all the modern attachments.
—Milton Cousin.

