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each day until the land was fr



RADIO There are more than 32 million families in the United States. Of those, more than 26 million own radio receiving sets. The estiproportion of families ownmated ing radios is 91 out of every 100 in cities and large towns, 69 out of a hundred families in rural districts; an average for the whole nation of 82 radios to every 100 families.

There are 775 radio broadcasting stations sending programs through the air to these millions of listeners. All of them are in range of two or three or more stations. Nobody has figured out the number of words and of bars of music which go out every day "on the air," but the total must run more than ten million words and as many musical phrases, reaching the ears of perhaps a hundred million Americans every 24 hours.

Of course, no one listener can hear all the programs, but there tainment and information available to everybody in this country merely by turning a switch. It is ical world pictured by Edward ficial government opinion. Bellamy fifty years ago.

radio sets all the news of all the the concern of the Federal Com- irresponsible or careless speakers world. That is not true anywhere munications Commission to li- from over-stepping the limits. else. In all other countries broad- cense broadcasting stations casting is either operated by the that there will be least possible ADVERTISING . . advantages



The three young men pictured above will each be given two free theatre tickets, good for admission to the Lyric or Elk theatres, if they will call in person at The Tribune. Next week The Tribune cameraman will select three more pictures, made on the street, for publication in this space, and more free tickets will be given away.

is surely an infinite variety as government or what is sent out is interference between two stations. well as a vast volume of enter- subjected to censorship by government agents. Nobody can ex- ica, of either radio or any other press an opinion, in most coun- means of communication. Any the dream come true of the mag- tries, which differs from the of- that offend public decency or stir

regulated in this country. There its six-months license renewed. REGULATION . . uncensored are only a limited number of The broadcasters have to be con-Americans can hear on their wave-lengths available, and it is stantly on their guard to prevent

There is no censorship in Amerup racial or religious antagonisms Broadcasting is, to be sure, is likely to have trouble in getting

In most other countries owners of radio sets have to pay a tax to government for the privilege of using them. The tax maintains the government broadcasting stations, which put on programs with no advertising. The American system of free broadcasting, so far as the listener is concerned, is based on the free sale of tense fevers. time on the air for what the trade calls "commercial plugs." Most of us would rather not have to listen to advertising with our entertainment, but it is only because of the advertising that just

better newspapers. I have long believed that the condition. newspapers of America overlookare now newspaper owned or con-

trolled.

COMPETITION . . licensing ed each year from malaria. The minute any enterprise It is hard to estimate the fisigns of being profitable, shows nancial loss resulting from the plenty of other people try to compete with it. If there were inability of those stricken .to work, but the British Empire exno Federal licensing and allocation of wave-lengths, anybody pends annually about \$2,500,000 for quinine to control malaria eption anywhere, and the air would be so full of interference that few could set up a broadcasting sta-The beautiful island of Ceylon programs would be intelligible. is one of the malaria spots of the As it is, one of the toughest jobs the Federal Communications sion of Nigeria in Africa, every Commission has, is to determine whether applicants for new stations should be licensed or not. of age has this disease. During the World War in Not only the question whether Greek Macedonia, a British army the public is getting adequate radio service in a particular lo-division lost 30,000 men through cality has to be passed on, but this illness in one year, and the next year had more than 70,000 whether the applicant for a secill from the same cause. ond license in the same locality In the same region a French is honestly trying merely to get his share of the business, or is army corps of 115,000 had 60,000 trying to put the existing station men down in a few months, all from malaria, and by the end of out of business. the year had only 20,000 left Every application for a new station is publicly advertised so available for duty. Italy had once been a plague that anyone who has anything to say about it may be heard by the spot from this sickness, and Commission. That makes a lot thousands of her population fell victims to this continuouos malof business for lawyers. ady which slowly saps vitality HONESTY merit Not all of the objections raised and deteriorates men and women. Malaria has caused more deaths to the opening of new stations throughout the world than all the wars of Christendom. are honestly motivated. Some-By draining swamps, protecttimes objectors are simply trying ing water supplies, providing to "hold up" the aplicants, hopsewer systems, all of which serving to be bought off. Commissioner George Henry ed as the breeding ground for malaria-carrying mosquitoes, this Payne, a veteran newspaper man hydra-headed monster has been with whom I used to work nearly laid low. forty years ago, has lately suc-Modern medication has mateceeded in establishing the rule that anybody who tries to interrially helped, and quinine, that remarkable medicine, brought to vene in a hearing on an applica-Europe from Peru after the Spantion for a broadcasting license ish invasion of that land, has must show that he has some eviplayed a most important role in dence which will help the Comdriving this enemy of mankind munications Commission to reach into the background. a just decision, in the public in-Quinine is effective in that it terest. promptly stops malarial attacks This is calculated to enable people who want to go into radio broadcasting to plead their cases lishing a system whereby his of-without having to employ a corps fice—or any other Federal office of high-priced lawyers, and to get -does business in a business-like quick decision on the merits of way, he will have accomplished their applications. something which many others If Mr. Payne succeeds in estab- have tried but failed to achieve.

THE by W.E. AUGHINBAUGH MD.

MALARIA

When I was a boy, nearly everybody who lived in the South suffered from malaria. Nobody then knew what caused it but every spring and summer it claimed its victims, and we had chills which made us shake until, as some used to say, our teeth almost fell out.

After these chills we had in-

Entire communities were thus affected, and drug as well as country stores had their shelves loaded with an assorted lot of fever and ague remedies.

After a few of these attacks American programs are so much our lips would be covered with better than those anywhere else. fever sores which lasted for weeks Advertising revenues enable sta- on end and which were hard to tion owners to hire better talent, cure. Doctors did nothing but as newspaper advertising dose us with quinine, for the very makes it possible to give readers simple reason that they did not know what brought about this

Today, however, malaria has ed a good bet by not taking con-trol of broadcasting when it was out in the United States because in its infancy. Many of them a physician named Laveran in have waked up, however, and 1880 discovered the bacillus which nearly a third of all the stations caused it.

Nevertheless, throughout the vorld at the present time, more than 3,500,000 deaths are record-



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The draining of swamps and

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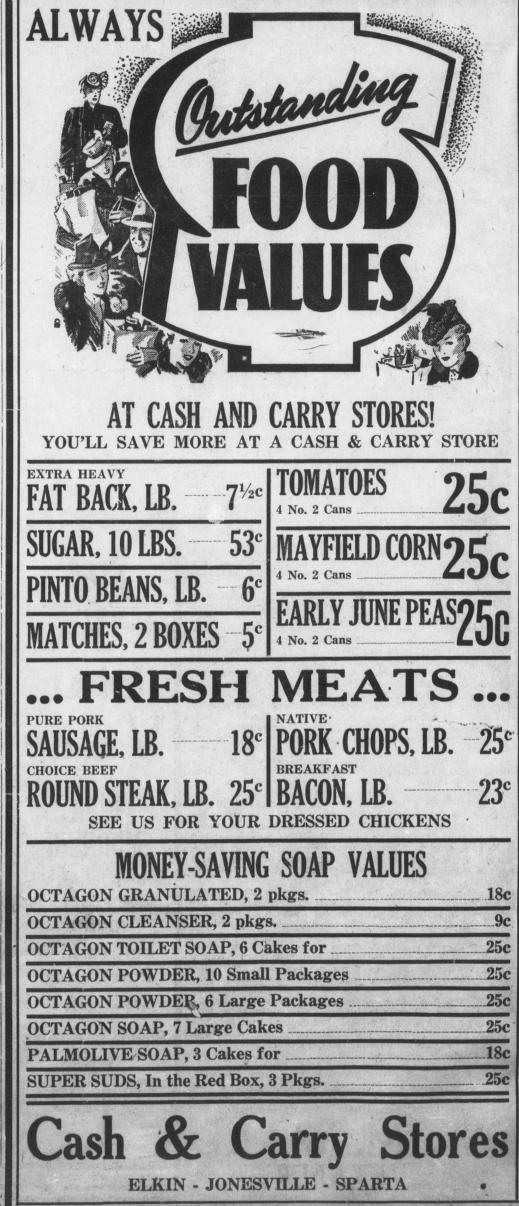
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