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Farmers Will Receive News of Market Prices By Radio

GOVERNMENT PLANS ON HAVING 17 STATIONS ABOUT COUNTRY

Washington, Dec. 2.—The wireless telegraph as a means of carrying to the farmers agricultural-market news such as prices and conditions, is to be tested by the Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Bureau of Standards. The experiment is to be tried in half a dozen Maryland and Virginia counties adjacent to the District of Columbia and if successful will be extended over the country.

Plans Laid

The plans contemplate the eventual use of 17 wireless stations over the country. The wireless news of market conditions and prices will be sent broadcast and arrangements will be made with numerous private licensed operators who would aid in distributing the reports to farmers and others interested in the territory covered.

10 Stations First

Present plans for the system provide for the use of 10 wireless stations with a 250-mile radius, eight in the East where market centers are more numerous and closer together, and two in the far West; two 300-mile radius stations to reach the outlying points of Maine and New York, to be located in the northeastern part of the country, and five 500-mile radius stations west of the Mississippi river.

graph wires of the present market news service of the department, and twice a day would receive for immediate release by wireless a summarized report of market conditions and quotations at the principal market centers and shipping points. Detailed reports of market conditions in the immediate territory served would also be released, as well as crop and weather reports issued by the Department of Agriculture.

Upper Peninsula Logging Curtailed

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 2.—Because of conditions in industrial lines in the Copper country and the withdrawal of the mining companies from the timber market, a curtailment of from 35 to 40 per cent in the logging business has become necessary, according to members of the Upper Peninsula Loggers' association, who discussed the situation at a meeting here. The curtailment already has gone into effect in the woods and at the mills in the district.

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POINDEXTER BILL LIKELY TO HIT RADIO AMATEURS

NON-PROFESSIONALS IN DANGER OF LOSING SETS IF ACT IS PASSED

Amateur wireless operators are in danger of losing all future possibilities of operation entirely if the Poindexter bill goes through, is the opinion of P. G. Schlotterbeck, '22E, president of the Ann Arbor Radio association.

The Poindexter bill, as it is at present construed, would place entire authority in the hands of a commission controlled by the navy department, from which there would be no appeal, according to the official magazine of the American Radio Relay league.

To Empower National Commission

If passed at the session of Congress the bill would practically mean the extermination of amateur sets without actually prohibiting them. It provides that the "National Radio Commission" shall have full power to regulate radio communication in the United States and to refuse a license to a station if such station "is not necessary for the general good of the public service." As pointed out by the league magazine, this applies to amateur stations without question.

P. G. Schlotterbeck stated that it was a matter of common knowledge in wireless circles that without the assistance of amateurs, the extensive wireless program of the government during the war could not have been accomplished. Many of the emergency operators came directly from the ranks of amateurs. He also stated that over $5,000,000 was invested annually in apparatus for non-professional stations.

Local Men Will Write Congress

At its Saturday night meeting the Ann Arbor Radio association decided to write the Congressional representative of this district concerning the impending bill, both as a unit and individuals. Schlotterbeck also urges that any University men interested do likewise.

ALL EX-SERVICE MEN MAY APPLY FOR VICTORY MEDALS

All men who served during the recent war in the United States army, navy, or marine corps, at home or abroad, are entitled to a "Victory Medal," according to William F. Watt, secretary for the Washtenaw county community board.

Ex-navy and army men may obtain application blanks at the office of the Washtenaw county board community house. Ex-marines will deal directly with the nearest recruiting office, which is located at 419 Fort street, West, Detroit. Marines will not be required to make out application forms for the medal, but must send in discharge certificates.

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