

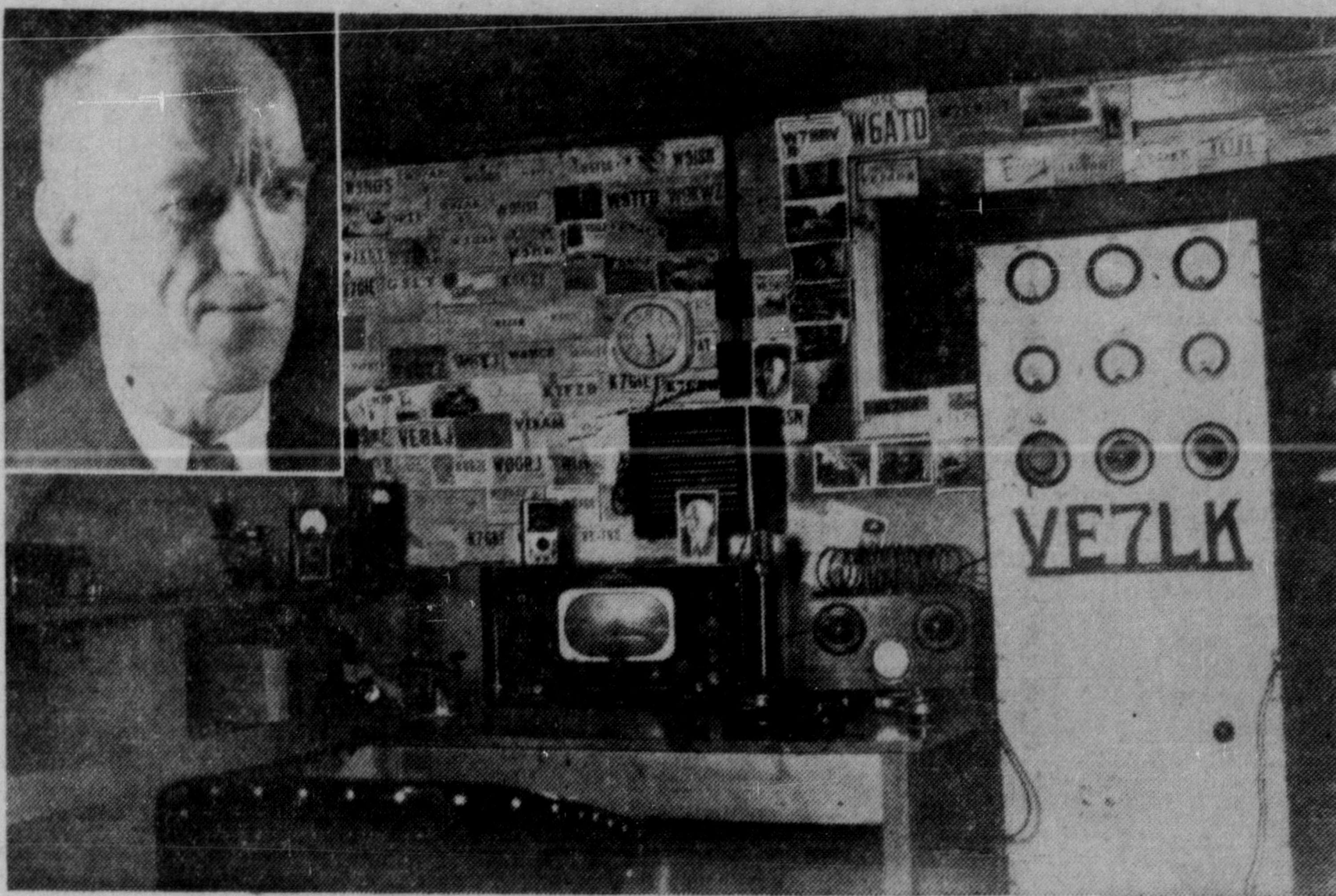
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Meeting on Monday, 8 p.m. (48c)
Gardner, Vancouver, arrived in the Camosun yesterday from the south, being here for a short stay.
Rotary Mixed Chorus met Tuesday evening at 8 at the Booth Memorial (49c)
Mrs. Don Williamson called last night on the Camosun, where they will be staying for a short time.
Canadian Legion Auxiliary Club meets tonight in the hall at 8 p.m. (1c)
Mrs. S. L. Peachey and daughter returned to the city on the Camosun yesterday from a trip to Vancouver.
Regular Moose meeting, Tuesday, February 27, 8 p.m. (49c)
W. L. Newell was a passenger aboard the Camosun to Stewart after a two weeks' trip to Vancouver.
Mrs. E. Jessee, head waitress for Columbia Cellulose Co. at Watson Island, returned yesterday on the Camosun from a trip to Vancouver.
Moose Social and Dance, Tuesday, February 27, at 9:30 p.m. in the Temple. Members of the Lodge and Chapter please attend and bring your friends. Admission free. (49c)
Capt. C. Claxton, superintendent of pilotage for British Columbia, arrived in the city on the Camosun last evening from Vancouver, being here on official business.
Music and Drama Festival meeting Wednesday, February 28, 8:00 o'clock, Civic Centre. Representatives of member organizations and all interested please attend. (1c)
Alice Good, 417 Seventh Avenue West, has asked the Daily News to state she was not the person of that name who was fined in city police court last week on a drunkenness charge. (50)

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PIONEER OF NORTH, "Bill" Wrathall functions effectively as radio co-ordinator. Picture shows himself and his studio.

By G. A. HUNTER

William W. Wrathall, pioneer business man, photographer and telegraph operator, is one of those fortunate individuals who is able to enjoy his retirement by the active exercise of a useful hobby. He still does his "trick" every day as a semi-professional "ham" radior from the basement retreat of his home

at 336 Fifth Avenue West. There he holds forth as emergency co-ordinator of the American Radio Relay League for this area and seldom a day goes by that he has not done a useful job or a good turn for someone in the way of wireless communication. When normal communications fail, he is the stand-by who comes to the aid of the regular commercial services.

It is "Bill" Wrathall who the most of radio listeners run into every now and then as they flick their dials and hear the familiar "VE7LK" signal.

Mr. Wrathall has "thousands of friends" all over the world with whom he keeps in regular and frequent contact. The walls of his studio are lined with the cards of hundreds of "ham" stations like his from near and far afield. The personal chatter which these people exchange is intriguing indeed to the observer who may call on "Bill" in his studio as he carries out his regular stands each day and keeps actively in the communication business.

He goes on the "network" twice daily at 12:30 noon and 7:30 p.m. and his domain as emergency co-ordinator for the American Radio Relay League extends to such remote points in Northern British Columbia as Telegraph Creek, Parsnip River and Takla Landing to the more accessible places such as Perow, Burns Lake, Smithers, Hazelton and Ketchikan. He co-operates closely with such local 100-watt colleagues as Frank Parlette, Fred McDonald, Dock Dochterman, Norman Kinslor, Bill Cummings and Sid Anderson.

"Some people may think we are a nuisance," Mr. Wrathall told the Daily News, "but we think we are doing a good and useful job."

Possibly the most effective demonstration of the usefulness of the emergency radio network maintained by these amateur radior, of which Mr. Wrathall is emergency co-ordinator, came during the 1949 flood season when for days everything in the way of commercial communications with such inter or points as Terrace, Smithers and Prince George was really "down" and "Bill" did a great and untiring job in the handling of vital commercial traffic. More than two hundred messages were handled and the service won the grateful acknowledgment of both Canadian National Railways and federal government.

Mr. Wrathall built his own 100-watt transmitter which carries 20, 40, 80, 19, 25 and 49 meters. He uses a Howard communications receiver with a mass of supplementary equipment such as only a confirmed radior would appreciate.

ALWAYS A TELEGRAPHER
Besides being a pioneer in the radio field here, Mr. Wrathall is a true and interesting northerner in other ways. Telegraphy has always been his first love although he has ventured into other fields.

Born in England, Mr. Wrathall came to Victoria when five years of age and started as a telegraph messenger there in 1909, becoming an operator for Canadian Pacific Telegraphs three years later. In 1905 he transferred to Vancouver and two years later answered the "call of the north" by accepting an appointment to the old Gov-

ernment Telegraphs at Hazelton in 1907.

It was in September of that year that Mr. Wrathall landed at Port Essington, metropolis of this part of the coast in those days, aboard the old coastal liner Princess May, then, the luxury ship of the "Inside Passage." He found that every one of the old sternwheeler vessels were wrecked and out of commission. The Northwest had struck a sandbar at Telegraph Point and broke in half. The Hazelton was ashore at Kitzegukla and the Mount Royal had capsized in Kitselas Canyon with loss of five lives.

Opportunity to continue the trip to his destination at Hazelton came when Harry Daniels, a fisherman-adventurer, invited Mr. Wrathall to join him in poling a canoe the distance of 150 miles up the rugged shores of the Skeena River to Hazelton. Leaving Port Essington September 15 what was to turn out to be a rather arduous and hazardous undertaking

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was finally completed 21 days later on October 6 when Mr. Wrathall reported for duty on his new job. So he spent the exciting and colorful days of railroad construction in that bustling interior frontier town.

In 1908 Mr. Wrathall returned to Victoria to get married. He was in Hazelton and Prince Rupert that their four sons and two daughters were born.

Meantime, Mr. Wrathall had developed a keen and proficient interest in photography and in 1912 he quit the Government Telegraphs to go into the photographic business professionally. Next year (1913) he moved to Prince Rupert and opened business here, continuing until 1920 when he returned to his old love—telegraphy—by joining the Government Telegraphs with which he remained until 1940 when Canadian National Telegraphs took over and with which he continued for five years until retirement.

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Canadian Legion card party, February 28
Prince Rupert Shrine Club Band concert, March 2.
Presbyterian home cooking sale, McRae's Store, March 3.
Card party, Catholic Hall, March 8.
Lutheran Tea and Home Cooking, March 10.
The King Edward School P-TA White Elephant sale and tea, March 15, at 2 p.m.
Conrad School P.T.A. card party, Friday March 16, 8 p.m.
S. Patrick's Tea and card party, Catholic Hall, March 17.
Orange Ladies' tea and sale, March 21.
Job's Daughters Easter tea and sale, Masonic Temple, March 22.
Cathedral spring sale, March 29.
Legion Auxiliary Spring Sale, April 4.
Presbyterian spring sale, April 12.
W.O.T.M. Spring bazaar, April 20.
Queen Mary I.O.D.E. Daffodil tea, March 26.
St. Peter's Spring Sale, April 26.
United W.A. Spring sale, May 3.
Sonja tea, May 12.

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Executive members are Mrs. J. S. Black, Mrs. T. Sollien, and Mrs. R. B. Skinner. Press correspondent is Mrs. W. J. Lineham. Sick committees appointed were:
Westview—Mrs. W. J. Lineham

and Mrs. R. B. Skinner; West End—Mrs. J. S. Black and Mrs. T. Boulter.
Hospital—Mrs. A. L. Holtby and Mrs. Doneen.
East End and Seal Cove—Mrs. T. Glenn and Mrs. M. Waksdale.
A tea, with all organizations participating, is to be held at the Civic Centre September 20.

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