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the program of the State College radio. This is a tax-supported institution, maintained for educational purposes. Its facilities would not be available to critics of the State Administration who might want to reply to any political argument which it might broadcast.

We trust the Governor will bear this in mind in determining the type of material to be presented on the "Governor's Hour."

Under the Townsend Plan, the composers of "Just a Little Home for the Old Folks" could go back to live with their people.

## WWJ Advances

Pioneers in radio are much in the position of stout Cortez and his men, who, on staring for the first time at the Pacific Ocean, looked at each other with a wild surmise. They can only guess at the extent of the new fields that unfold before them. Their satisfaction and much of their reward has lain in seeing these speculations come true.

The new frontier in broadcasting lies along the ultra-high frequency border of the spectrum. This territory has been little explored and fewer than half a dozen settlers have staked out claims and are now regularly heard from. The possibilities that lie in the range are still largely matters of conjecture.

The News takes particular pride in its name as a pioneer in the broadcasting field, a reputation dating from that day in August 1920, when it put the country's first regular broadcast on the air.

Beginning in February, The News' station will offer, from its experimental station on top of the Penobscot Building, daily programs over a frequency of 31,600 kilocycles, out of the reach of static and interference. The programs will be those broadcast over the present wave length, and will be available not only where WWJ is now heard, but wherever, around the world, a proper receiver and conditions are suited to its reception.

We can only guess at developments in this field, and the course of our exploration depends on what is found. We shall have at least the explorer's satisfaction of entering a trackless bountry, and invite the public to participate in the experience. Incidentally, The News is happy to assist in the revival of a craft which has languished with the perfection of commercial radio sets—the building at home of receivers suited to the new frequencies. A few of these are now manufactured, and their names, or advice and plans for the home construction of sets of the same sort we shall put at the public's disposal.

The big lava scene in "The Last Days of Pompeii" prompts speculation here and there as to what became of Gen. Johnson.

STRANGER THINGS



Lords of a charge growing out of a traffic fatality. The latest Britannica says of the right that it has always been jealously insisted on by the peers, though in 1931, Lord Kylsant, Welsh shipping magnate, was sentenced by a criminal court to a year in jail for a stock fraud. The last trial before the Lords was that of Lord Russell, on charges of bigamy, in 1901.

But Lord Sankey calls the right "archaic" and "obviously undesirable in these days," and some who take the same view go farther and suggest that the trial of a peer in a law court before a jury of peers would create a distinction for which there is no valid ground. It is interesting that the right was established not for protection from the populace but from the King, who might profit from forfeitures to the crown imposed by his creatures on the bench. The occasions for such fears have long passed, and the ancient privilege may

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