## Be A Radio Expert! -- Study with N.R.I., circa 1939

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The National Radio Institute (and others) offered correspondence courses in Radio; for NRI, from 1914 to 2002. Pictured are parts of a NRI brochure from about 1939.



Students worked from tens of small pamphlet "volumes," as many as 90 in later years. TV inventor Philo Farnsworth studied with NRI as a college student in Utah. NRI provided kits to its students, including a mechanical TV kit before World War Two. The wiki has a good article: <a href="https://en.wikipedia">https://en.wikipedia</a> (dot) org/wiki/National\_Radio\_Institute. Google-images presents many of the books etc. available to students and some of the kits.

CHRS's senior member, Bruno Zucconi (age 95) could easily, in the 1930s, have become a radio service man. But he knew his economics as well as his technology: electricians made a lot more money than radiomen. So he says, he became an electrician (among other things) instead.

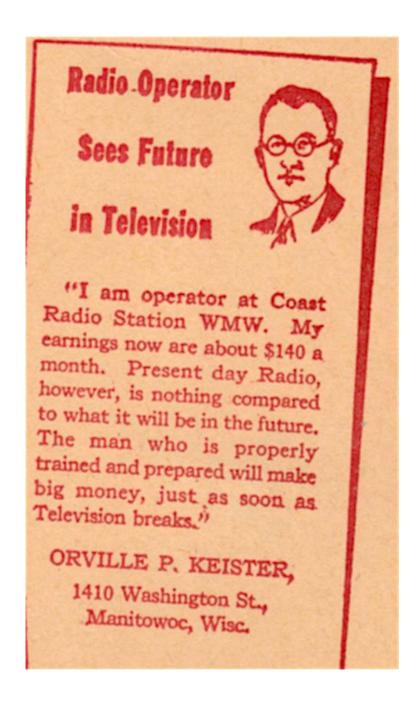
A social dimension appears in the NRI brochure. Jim and Mary can't get married until Jim starts to make some money. NRI is their salvation.



Part of the brochure deals with various possible radio careers. Pursuit of this sort of education before World War Two probably kept many a man out of the infantry.



But even before the War, Television was on the mind of all forward looking radiomen.



The CHRS library has at least one full set of NRI instructional materials. This brochure and the like will go into the Archive. (de K6VK) ##