

## Alameda Radio a long time ago...

(An archivist's note by Bart Lee, K6VK)

In the CHRS Archives we preserve a balloon-envelope radio tube with a label from an Alameda shop: Frank's Radio on Park Street (around the corner from CHRS RadioCentral).



Alameda had a thriving retail radio business. The City Yellow pages for 1941 appear below, with a dealer ad for Stromberg Carlson, a high-end receiver.

## Radio.

Bruce's Radio Shop 586 Castro....Hayward-437  
Hauschildt Music Co 1090 B...Hayward-1510-W  
Hayward Battery Co 980 A.....Hayward-206  
Hayward Radio Service 505 Main...Hayward-366  
Ravano J B 1010 A.....Hayward-1552

### **STROMBERG-CARLSON RADIOS**

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R a d i o s  
whose pres-  
tige justifies  
the slogan "There is nothing finer  
than a Stromberg-Carlson." See one  
of the following authorized Strom-  
berg-Carlson dealers before you buy.

**Stromberg-Carlson**

*"WHERE TO BUY IT"*

*AUTHORIZED DEALERS*

Howard Radio & Electrical Shop  
1410 Park Alameda  
(Toll) call "Operator" for .ALameda-0999

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Vieux Brothers Main.....Niles-50  
Wilder R M 1062½ B.....Hayward-77

On the other end of the scale, Alameda before World War Two hosted some of the biggest radio antennas anywhere. They

did radio direction finding for Pan Am. (See [www.SoWP.org](http://www.SoWP.org) for the story).



Clipper with Alameda Adcock Antennas; AWA screenshot

The Adcock<sub>1</sub> arrays were very big antennas for HF (high frequencies, the primary wavelengths for aircraft at the time). In Alameda they would have stood at least as tall as the iconic shipping cranes do now. A still (above) from the AWA video shows the antennas and a Clipper.

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