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AND NOW A WORD FROM YE OLDE FORMER EDITOR

The Cambridge area is certainly different from the Bay Area, especially weather wise. But Harvard Square is similar in many respects to the Cannery or even Market Street in San Francisco; with its street musicians, a multittude of strange shops and restaurants, and the normal amount of weird-o's walking the street urging you to buy this or that pamphlet.

Needless to say, the research facilities and library system are nothing short of awesome. Once you get yourself plugged into the way things work around here, you have access to almost anything ever written.

Living in a 150-year old hall, surrounded by trees and the Peabody Museum, and attempting to string up some kind of antenna, for guess what, was quite a challenge. However, I talked a poor freshman undergrad into tossing a rock (with string attached) up over a tree limb over Divinity Avenue, and we put the good old #22 from my second-story window to said tree. Fortunately, the rock missed Peabody's glass flower collection and the windshield of a telephone company truck parked nearby!

You wouldn't believe the Europeans that blast in here; they're crawling up and down 20 Meters like the proverbial Japanese do in California.

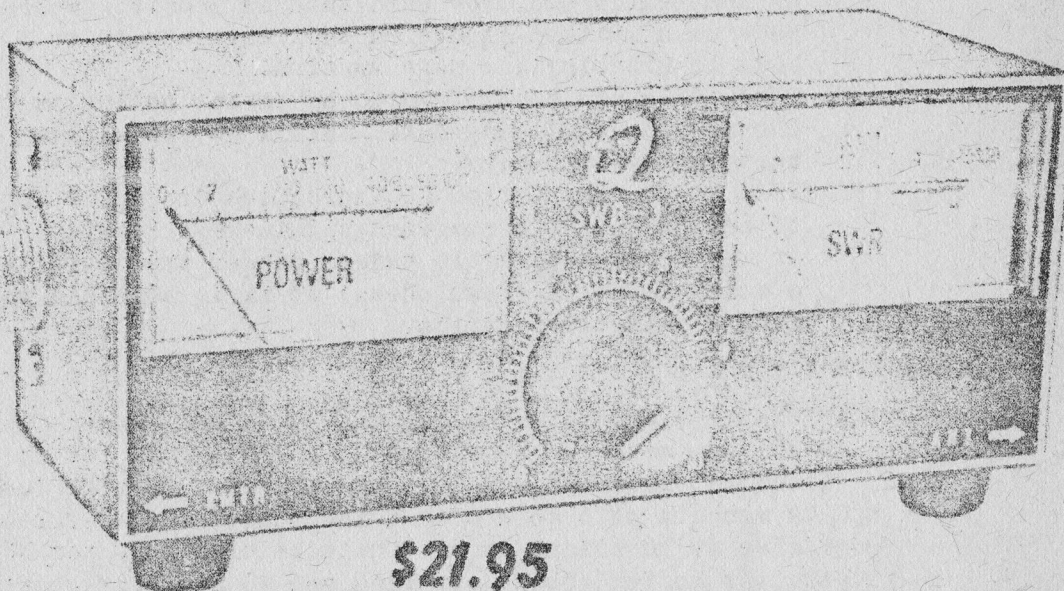
Two Meter activity is high in the area, although Boston machines don't make it too well into my 19" whip (the 5/8th wave Larsen hasn't come yet--UPS is on strike in Massachusetts, grrr). 04-64, 19-79, and 28-88 are at least Q-5, and I can key up their machines with low power.

I built up a neat little handie-talkie from a VHF Engineering xmtr kit and a Radio Shack UHF pocket scanning receiver, converted to two meters. If I ever find the time I'll write it up for PAARAgaphs and maybe 73. It's the first scanning HT I've seen, very selective and sensitive. Now if Tandy Company would only send crystals that oscillated reliably....!

The Harvard Wireless Club (a suitably pompous name, although it was founded in 1909!) has a very nice station--Collins S-Line and NCL-2000 linear, plus some Heath gonk, all into a tribander up 70 feet. Dipoles on 40 and 80. I immediately became a member, have 24 hour access to the station, and even got their ancient RTTY setup working again. If any club members want to make a sked, get in touch with Gerry, W6NIR, who has all the scoops on freqs. I trust the wonderful FAARA net is still kicking around on 147.45--and guess what frequency

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