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In previous articles we have discussed such things as how to get started in amateur radio, how to get a license, and how much money it takes to get under way.

Assuming that a member of the family has all of these subjects well in mind, the next problem is usually where to locate the station. This is of special interest to the home maker in the family who usually is not too wild about having wires strung all over the house.

A second consideration should also be the noise factor. . . noise to the woman of the house but music to the ear of the ham! Any radio operation is bound to be accompanied by a certain amount of racket just from the normal operation.

A FEW PROBLEMS creep into the picture with a basement installation.

First is the matter of dampness. With good and costly equipment, especially electronics equipment, dampness is a big problem.

A dehumidifier will do a good job of projecting the set from this problem as far as sets just as they are on TV sets in Florida.

In the winter time the basement floor tends to be cool even though the air temperature is comfortable. A small "sub floor" raised a few inches off of the cement and cov-

COMFORT OF THE operator

Potpourri

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to the performing arts in Detroit, published by Steve Booth and Granville Ryan of Birmingham.

The evidence extends to Birmingham and Bloomfield with the creation of The Bloomfield Art Association with 500 families participating in its art programs.

He mentions the new cultural section of The Eccentric and quotes publisher Paul Averill's explanation for the addition—This is what our people want to read.

BEHIND ALL this activity (and he mentions more) Toffler sees a spirit that "gives to the city's cultural effluence the air of being part crusade, part Chautauque, part awe of worship of the muses."

"The doors of cultural institutions are not only wide open; Detroiters are lucky if they can walk past without being lassoed and hauled inside."

I think this description is accurate as far as it goes. The author does verify the cultural boom, and this in itself is gratifying.

As he points out, we (and he includes the suburbs) are sick to death of being depicted as the city of pressure-ridden, money-driven men and women—the embodiment of materialism.

We are concerned with more than the latest car model. We do care about our culture. And I would agree that our present culture boom is characterized as a "crusading democratization." We are trying to bring culture to everyone and everyone to culture.

BUT I FELT the author falls short of any definite examination by not going beneath the surface of these events and offering any interpretation.

Such as, what about this democratization? Does it water down our culture? Are we losing quality in our determination to gain quantity?

What about our participation? Does he think we are enjoying the arts or relentlessly pursuing them because we have decided they are good for everyone?

What of the charge (which has already been leveled) that culture is the new status symbol and that is the real reason people are participating? Did he find this true or partially true?

If the article lacks depth, it certainly does have value in giving national recognition to the fact that 1) Detroit does have culture and that 2) it is a growing and exciting one.

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