

Radio Programs of the 1940s

Many people in the 1940s spent their time listening to their favorite programs and getting their news from the radio. In Peoria, there weren't many television sets until the early 1950s. It was common for families to sit around their radios in the evenings and listen to the latest news about the war.

Some of the top radio shows of the time:

- \$64,000 Question
- Hopalong Cassidy
- The Adventures of Phillip Marlowe
- Bell Telephone Hour
- Sad Sack
- Sky King
- This is Your Life
- Truth or Consequences
- Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
- The Original Amateur Hour
- Lassie
- News

Radio Class

One of the unique classes taught at Peoria High School in the 1940s was a class on Radio. The Victory Corps Program added two classes to the high school curriculum due to World War II. One class was an aviation class and the other was a radio class. The class usually had about 18 students and taught everything you needed to know about the inner workings of the radio, including codes, circuits, condensers, grids, and the different ways to replace parts. The project at the end of the class was to build your own transmitter. It was quite a unique class for the time.