



UNLIMITED HORIZONS

In this issue of the Snow Survey Centennial we have for your enjoyment an excerpt from a 1942 Radio Program called Unlimited Horizons. All text is original from the actual script file. Remember, when this program aired, radio was live with an orchestra and actors.

WEAF UNLIMITED HORIZONS (REVISED)

8:30 - 9:00 Opening Theme

NARRATOR: Unlimited Horizons!

(ORCHESTRA: THEME UP AND FADE DOWN BG.... SUSTAIN)

Narrator: From the ageless past, man has struggled with the elements to throw back the frontiers of space and time. Through war and peace, man has struggled with test-tube and microscope, with fire and electricity, struggled to make this world a better place in which to live. Here are the stories of Unlimited Horizons - of conquest of the unknown - stories of men of science whose work has advanced man toward a higher civilization.

(ORCHESTRA: THEME UP TO FINISH)

ANNOUNCER: The National Broadcasting Company, as another public service, presents the third program in the THIRD series of adventures in the scientific laboratories of the west. Tonight - the story of the birth and development of a new science. This is the story of the vision and the determination of a professor of the Classics, who turned scientist and gave the world a new security against the vagaries of nature. (PAUSE)

(SCIENCE AND WHITE MAGIC)

(ORCHESTRA: sharp attack into icy shivering motif - transfer to roaring rumble of flood waters ... down BG and out)

(NEWS OSCILLATOR UP FULL - DOWN BG AND OUT)

ONE: The accumulation of snow on the mountains is unusually light, and the lower watersheds are reported completely devoid of snow. Authorities fear the state is facing a serious drought next summer.

(OSCILLATOR UP AND FADE DOWN AND OUT)

TWO: (FILTER MIKE) (FADING IN) Little hope is now held for more snow in the mountains this spring. There has been little precipitation in the valley during these months of February and March, and the drought is now in prospect. (FADING OUT) Indications are that the snow shortage will be reflected in (OUT).

THREE: (FADING IN) They say that because of the shortage of snow during the winter we're only going to get about 35% of our normal water supply here in Utah this year. That means that we're going to have the worst drought in our time. (FADES) means most of our crops are never going to (OUT).

(ORCHESTRA: STABS DEEP IN DANGER (VERY BRIEF) DOWN BG SUSTAIN)

NOTE: NOTE: ALL THE FOLLOWING VOICES PASS MIKE IN RAPID SUCCESSION

FOUR: They say the governor's stepped in to do something about the drought situation. They say he's going to (OUT)

FIVE: I heard the governor's calling a drought-conference. Calling a drought Conference BEFORE there is a drought - can you beat that?

SIX: It says here that the water conservation program is going into effect right now! Guess they're going to try to (OUT).

ONE: Now they're talking. They're going to BRING IN water to try to save the crops here in the state. If you ask me that's the best (OUT).

(ORCHESTRA: SWELLS IN.. BUILDS COURAGEOUSLY... DOWN BG SUSTAIN)

NARRATOR: The sparse snow on the mountain tops - on the crags and peaks and ridges - in the gullies and creeks and canyons melts under the Spring sun - and the water courses down - down in rills and rivulets - down in streams to the valley below. Only thirty - five percent of the normal flow. But the water users have been forewarned!

(ORCHESTRA: POINT)

RANCHER: I'm a cattleman. I moved my livestock off the ranges and out of the state before they starved. (FADES) It's the greatest thing -

(ORCHESTRA: POINT)

FARMER: I'm a farmer. I saved my crops by knowing BEFOREHAND that there was going to be a drought. (FADES) if I had waited until - (OUT)
(ORCHESTRA: POINT)

POWER: I'm a power company engineer. I arranged to deliver power from our other hydroelectric plants as soon as I found out we'd have a shortage of water here. (FADE) This enabled us to (OUT).

(ORCHESTRA: POINT)

HOTEL: I'm a hotel man. When there's a bad year in this country, our business drops off, so I was able to plan ahead. (FADES) If I had not known, I (out)

(ORCHESTRA: BUILDS TO COURAGEOUS... FULL DOWN.. BG.. OUT)

NARRATOR: Snow Surveying! A new idea - a new science. The science of forecasting the amount of water mountain snowfields will yield. Today because one man with vision and courage dared to face ridicule and devoted his life to this idea - nations in all parts of the world where snowfall is a factor have a way, a method of measuring and evaluating - SNOW! Today this man - Dr. J E Church of the University of Nevada - Professor, NOT of science but of the Classics, ranks as a foremost scientist.

(PACK HORSES WALKING OVER ROCKY TERRAIN... OFF. SLIGHT WIND)

The program goes on for another 15 pages, complete with the orchestra in shivering motif, sharp attacks and agitato, building courageously and fading, sound effects of horses, wind and the measuring of snow. We, with our Internet, E-Mail, PowerPoint and Blackberries look back and are amused by the presentation of information. Remember that where they were is where we too will stand someday as the ever forward progress of science will eventually render us quaint and amusing.

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