

This is a repetition of a thanks for a gift of continuing usefulness. I was just reminded ~~of~~ of it. We have a changed mail schedule. It is coming earlier. When I get near that time and have to stop I do odds and ends of this not to break continuity of thought. For the past week it has been cleaning up. This morning, with a report for still more storms and a week of them - you should have had some of the rain - I decided to put batteries in a radio. Then in an emergency I'd be able to hear reports. I started to do this with the Craig, which is located centrally, next to the TV. Then as I thought of all the use I've had of it and how I'd like to be able to continue that use I decided to restrict it entirely to taping and central playing back. This way I can expect it to last longer. It has never failed! Some months ago I had it gone over and cleaned up. One never knows whether this is really done but I did ask and pay for it so the life might be extended. One of the college girls left her things here for the summer. They included a brand new radio she said stopped working while she was taking it to college. I offered to get it fixed for her. She said she didn't want it because she had gotten a replacement. When I had my aerial fixed by a man I know is honest I asked him to check it over. It works and very well. So I have it at the desk, use it mornings not to disturb 'til because it is better than the portable I'd been using, and I have the batteries in it, hoping we do not have storms that cut the current. In the wooded mountains this can happen. Even a branch can short a line. But I do want you to know that the Craig has been very useful and is still on the ready. I'm having the TC40 cleaned up, too. It has had a fantastic amount of use without a single failure. Much travel, too. The volume control was wearing so I thought it was time for a going over. Sony's service here is bad. Les Whitten had tried to get the AC adapter fixed for me. Cost more than a new one. He told me where to take it. That Sony place did not touch TC40s! So it is at another. I should have heard by now. But what use! Thanks HW 7/12/76

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