

The period of the 60s brought the Herbert W. Gordon Co of Harvard Mass out into the classified sections of the ham radio magazines. From Woodchuck Hill, W1KWB/W1IBY et all had a three floor converted barn. The business was a ham radio outlet, including parts, magazines, new and used gear plus lots of surplus equipment. I would drool over the R390 and 51J4's they featured.



Gordon Company had a catchy sales pitch by requisitioning a full page in Ham radio Magazine etc., selling radio theory and facts about radio subjects. (Helping Hams to

Help Themselves) It may have been a takeoff of National Radio Of Malden Mass, where technical subjects were brought up in an attempt to tutor and sell items to the faithful in the magazines.

As they put it, the store was an unconventional business location. Some called it a boutique or salon. They preferred to think of the store as merely the office. But inside the rather modest structure is the largest (tongue-in-cheek) ham radio business in New England and possibly in this country.

Three floors, comprising almost 5,000 square feet and filled to the brim with all kinds of goodies that gladden the ham's heart. On the main floor you will find displayed literally hundreds upon hundreds of pieces of ham equipment - both contemporary and old. On the top floor, more of the same and in addition gobs and gobs of test equipment. In the basement was shipping and receiving and a substantial inventory of the kinds of components that the ham is especially looking for. In addition to the conventional and obviously required accessories, we have and will likely continue to stock the odd ball pieces, for example, a surplus component of a part specially made for a particular set.

We have a beautifully equipped service department, staffed by three very gifted electronic personnel. These boys know their ham radio and can be depended upon for prompt service day or night.

The antenna farm we have is second to none, including 4 towers, 44 antennas and a coax matrix which permits us to demonstrate any gear of your choice. Most New England hams have been here. But many of you throughout the rest of the country continue to think of our company as primarily the place where you can get the Regair Quad. Most of the fellows don't know that ham radio is our only business and that we are the largest, best stocked place north of New York or east of Chicago. If you would like straight advice, soundly delivered, give us a chance to solve your problems and provide you with equipment.

If you would like to meet the gang or just to browse, make the trip to Harvard and see us soon. With modern highways coming to within a mile of our door, you can get here from any part in New England in 3 or 4 hours. We are open on weekdays from 0830 until 1600 and then again from 7 PM until 10 PM. Saturdays until 5 PM and Sunday by appointment. Excerpted from files.

So went the Herbert W. Gordon Company at Woodchuck Hill. They were around until the early 70s and there were some reports of lost material and some inadequate service. They eventually folded and nothing remains, but the old musty articles in those old radio magazines. Herbert Gordon born 1915 in Brooklyn NY to John M & Rose Gordon, brothers- Stewart, Richard and sister Edith. John and Rose were born in Russia. There was a recent report that one of the tower structures still remained on the lot at "Hilltops" Woodchuck Hill. Herb's 1935 QSL courtesy of K8CX hamgallery.