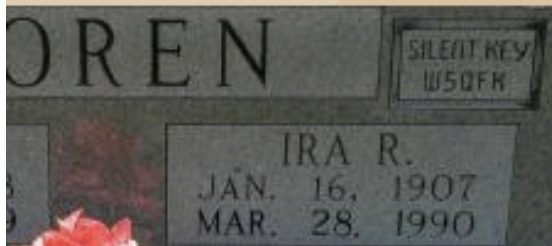


Ira Boren's Electronic Gadgets

"Ira Boren operates the Frognot short wave radio station, heard on all the continents. And his electronic activities were the subject of an essay in this space years ago." Frank Tolbert, Dallas Morning News, Tolbert's Texas, Frognot Town Gets Huge Frog Painting (Nov. 19, 1966).



Ira's ham radio station & pole with climbing rungs to mount antenna



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IRA LIKES most of the conveniences of home when he drives a tractor. As early as 1934 he built a radio only slightly larger than a modern transistor radio and with an antenna sticking out of his sun helmet. He has an electric fan, an electric water cooler aboard, and the tractor has a convertible top, of course. A 2-way radio is a must on any tractor this farmer rides.

Boren has taken a job with Temco Aircraft in Greenville, and Mrs. Boren has been doing some of the tractor driving. She has removed most of the electric gadgets from the machine. "There was so much stuff on the tractor you didn't have room to sit down," said she. Mrs. Boren does like the idea of an electric fan on a tractor, though. "It drives away the gnats," she said.

She isn't so happy with all the electronic gadgets which her husband has attached to the television set.

"You have to push four switches before the television will go on," declared Mrs. Boren.