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Incredible progress has been made in the design and production of portable radios since 1924. This old photograph shows one of America's most famous Arctic explorers, the late Commander Donald B. MacMillan, with one of the world's first portable radio sets. The portable radio set, which was manufactured by Zenith Radio Corporation in 1924, represented a sensational advance in radio technology of that era. Commander MacMillan field-tested one of these sets on one of his expeditions.

Hemlines of the flapper era are not much different from today's mini-skirts, but an incredible change has taken place in the world of radio receivers. The feathered femme is leaning against the "hit" of 1923, a Zenith 4R — one of the first battery-operated receivers of moderate size contained in a single unit. At left, a modern miss holds a tiny transistorized FM/AM portable radio . . . today's radio "hit."

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The world premiere of the motion picture "Patrolling the Ether" was telecast by Zenith Radio Corporation's television station in the early 1940s at the request of the Federal Communications Commission.

