Radios – Communication and entertainment

Since their invention and adoption, radios have been an essential part of human communication. Early on it allowed for telegraphs to communicate wirelessly, allowing for anyone to receive the message if they knew the frequency. Eventually radios became more and more complex and widespread and allowed communication with large groups of people in an era before television. Radio is incredibly important in the modern era as it is used in almost all aspects of life. Radio is essential for wireless communication as it is the medium to which data is transferred. Wi-Fi, NFC tags (like the tap function on your debit/credit card) and GPS are all examples of technology that utilizes radio waves. Following the events of the calamity, radio has stayed a staple in life post calamity.

Many radio towers remain intact and provide news and entertainment to the surrounding area. The former university based in Morrisville, has a radio station that was repurposed after the calamity. Initially, the station was used by survivors to warn about raiders and severe weather. Later the station expanded to hosting radio shows that covered a multitude of genres as well as allowed for survivors to advertise their trade.

When the military set up their base in Morrisville, they started to take assets in the region for themselves. In the name of “national security”, the soldiers took several fields that survivors had started to cultivate, some buildings around their base for their own use, and most importantly they secured all radio towers and barred them from public use. After considerable backlash from the community, the soldiers gave back the station on campus for low power use. The soldiers retained ownership of the crop fields however but would pay farmers to assist with the cultivation. The station would gradually grow its audience base again and become a long-lasting fixture in the Morrisville area.

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