Scott All-wave 23

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The E. H. Scott Company in Chicago was famous for offering high-end radios in elegant cabinets, with prices to match their high quality. Mr. Scott intended to offer the finest state-of-the-art radios that the technology of the time would permit and market them to wealthy families. This model has 23 vacuum tubes, when a more typical console radio might have seven or eight tubes. That meant extra sensitivity and excellent audio quality.

It has a very large speaker allowing for impressive bass response. It included all the shortwave bands then in use and had variable bandwidth. That feature meant that if you were listening to a weak shortwave station sandwiched between two powerful interfering stations, you could narrow the bandwidth to zero-in on that station. If you lived in New York City where high-fidelity station WQXR offered wider that normal frequency response, you could widen the bandwidth to get the maximum high-fidelity sound.

The radio had two large chrome-plated chassis. This was luxury.