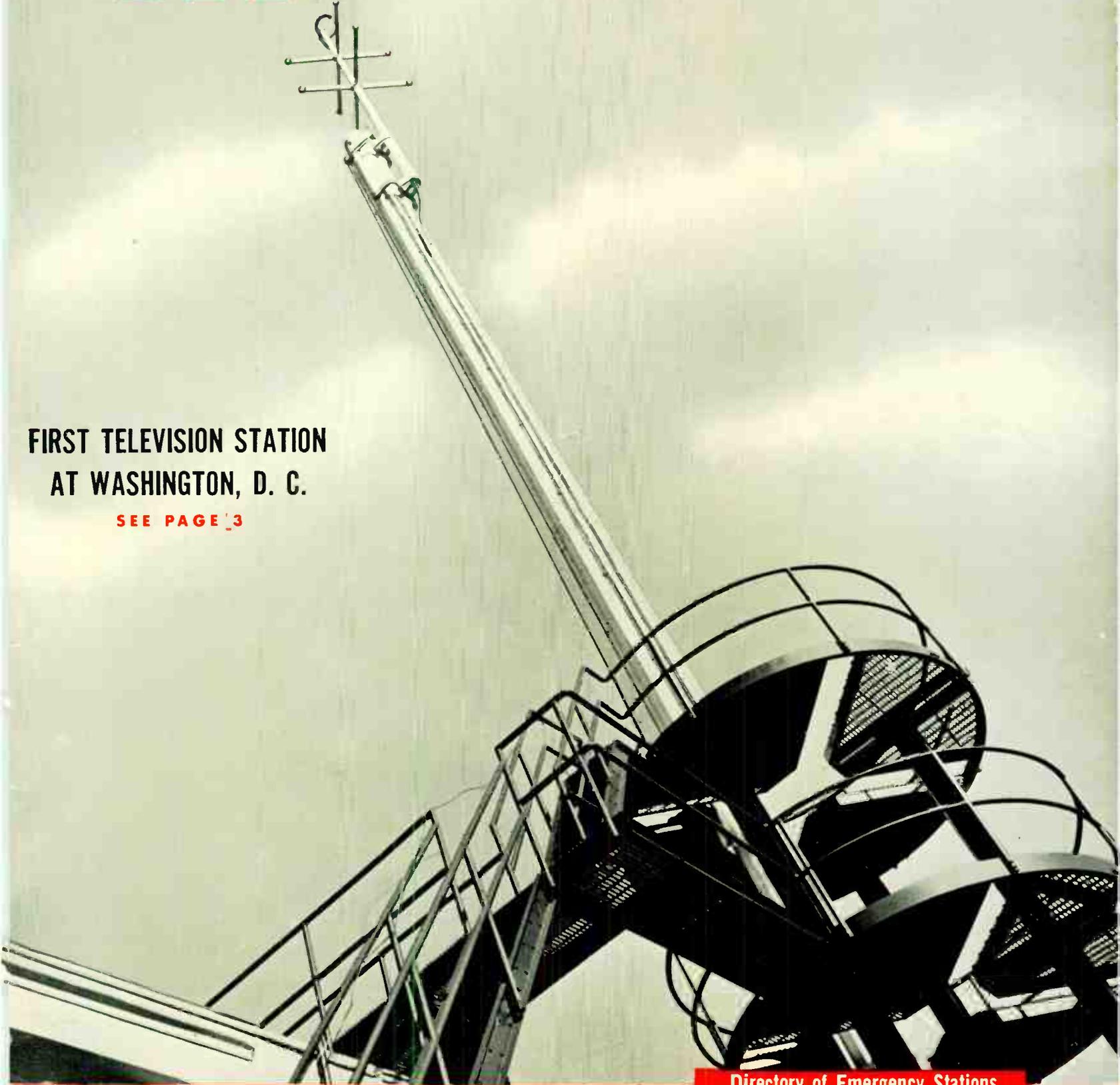




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Directory of Emergency Stations

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ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS OF A FULL-SERVICE TELEVISION STATION.

Any reasonable estimate of annual operating costs should properly cover a selected average year. A station's first year operation cannot be selected, obviously it will cover a shutdown period. Also, much effort in this initial period will be devoted to measuring local television preferences and potentialities throughout the coverage area. Notwithstanding, it is a fair first estimate to wait for 3 years, at which point the operation should be smoothly efficient and highly profitable. In order to provide the fairest and most informative illustration, a 12-month period lying midway between the first and fifth years has been chosen.

The first estimate of operating costs to be presented in these pages is for a two-studio station that will be on the air for a minimum of 7 hours daily. It will cover a full-service, one-studio station that will be on the air for a total of 19 hours weekly, a minimum of 7 hours daily. This estimate is based upon the assumption of a judicious choice of available low-cost or free local events to help fill sustaining periods. It also assumes the employment of an adequate staff to provide proper service to the public and to your advertisers - at present wage scales. These wage scales are based on a 40-hour work week. The 19-hour weekly station operation, therefore, would mean the employment of two crews for 48 hours each per week. It is important to note that our own experience at WABD suggests that two full studio crews, each working a full 16-hour week, can handle 19 hours per week of air time operation (25 16-hour weeks annually). The time of the two studio crews per week would be distributed as follows:

Actual live talent air time	14 hours
Studio rehearsal time	5 1/2 hours
Remote air time	8 1/2 hours
Remote set-up time	1 1/2 hours
	35 hours

12 MONTHS' OPERATING COSTS ●

(approximately 2 1/2 years after service starts)

Your Estimate

Rental and maintenance of 12,000 sq. ft. of floor space at \$2 per sq. ft. per year \$ 24,000.00

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 2 Audio Control Operators, 2 Studio Control Operators, 4 Video Pick-up Operators, 2 Video Boom Operators, 6 Studio Assistants, 2 Film Projectionists, 4 Master Control Technicians, 2 Transmitter Operators, 4 Security Shifters and Property Men 117,242.96

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Amortization of Capital Investment Interest over 10 year period at 15% interest 44,748.75

Replacement of technical parts 8,000.00

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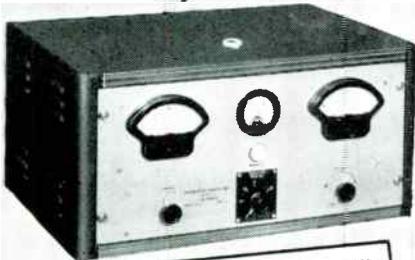


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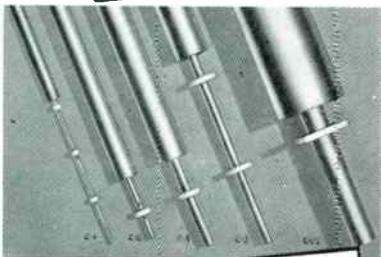
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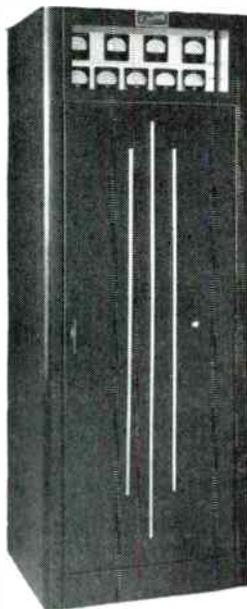
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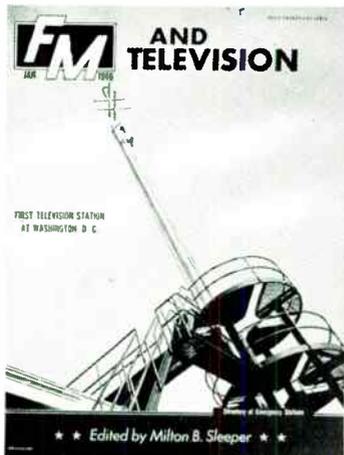
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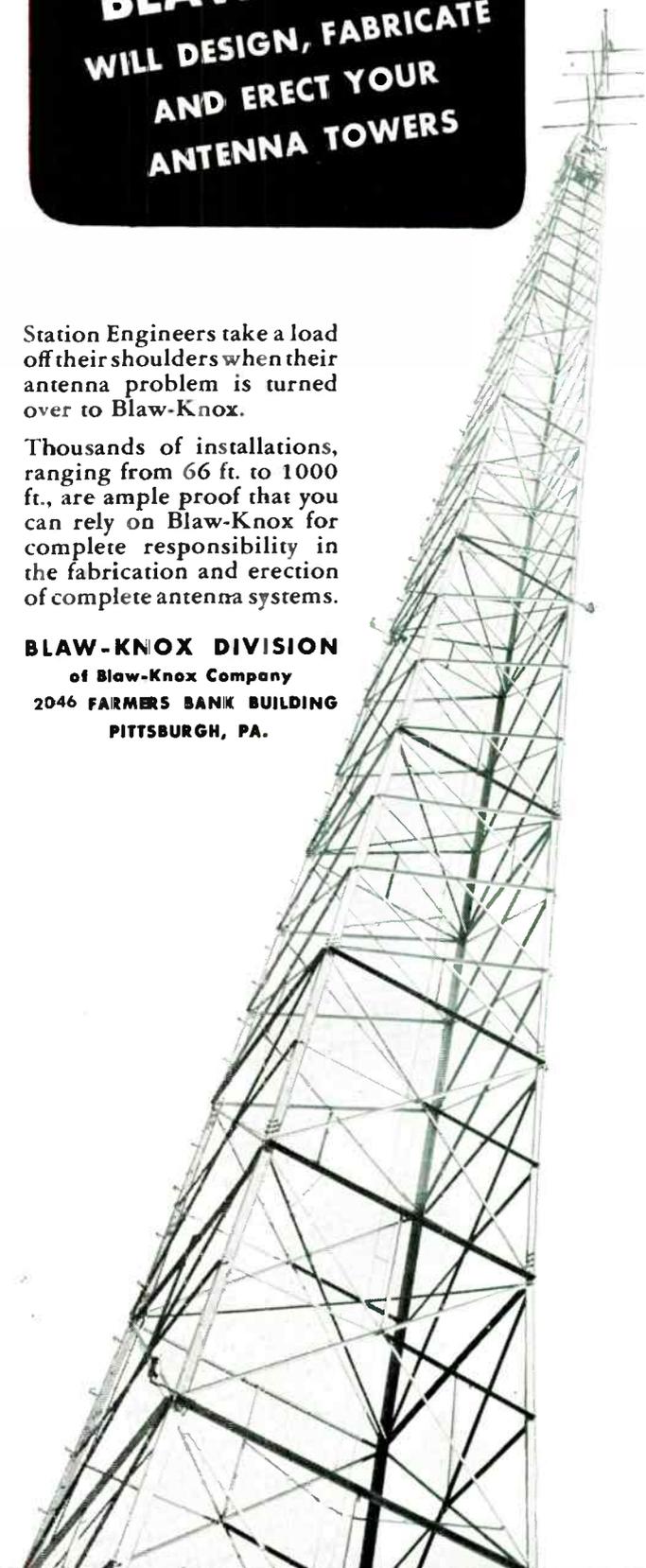
DUMONT LABORATORIES will soon have a television transmitter operating with the antenna shown on this month's cover. The 90-ft. mast, weighing nearly 3 tons, has been erected on the roof of Washington's Hotel Harrington. The main mast is of seamless steel tubing 16 ins. in diameter, while the top mast tapers from 6 to 3½ ins. Designers Fellheimer and Wagner, of New York, provided means for lowering the top mast to facilitate tuning and inspection. A crane was set up on the Hotel to raise the mast 232 ft. to the roof. During experimental operation, station call letters will be W3XWT.

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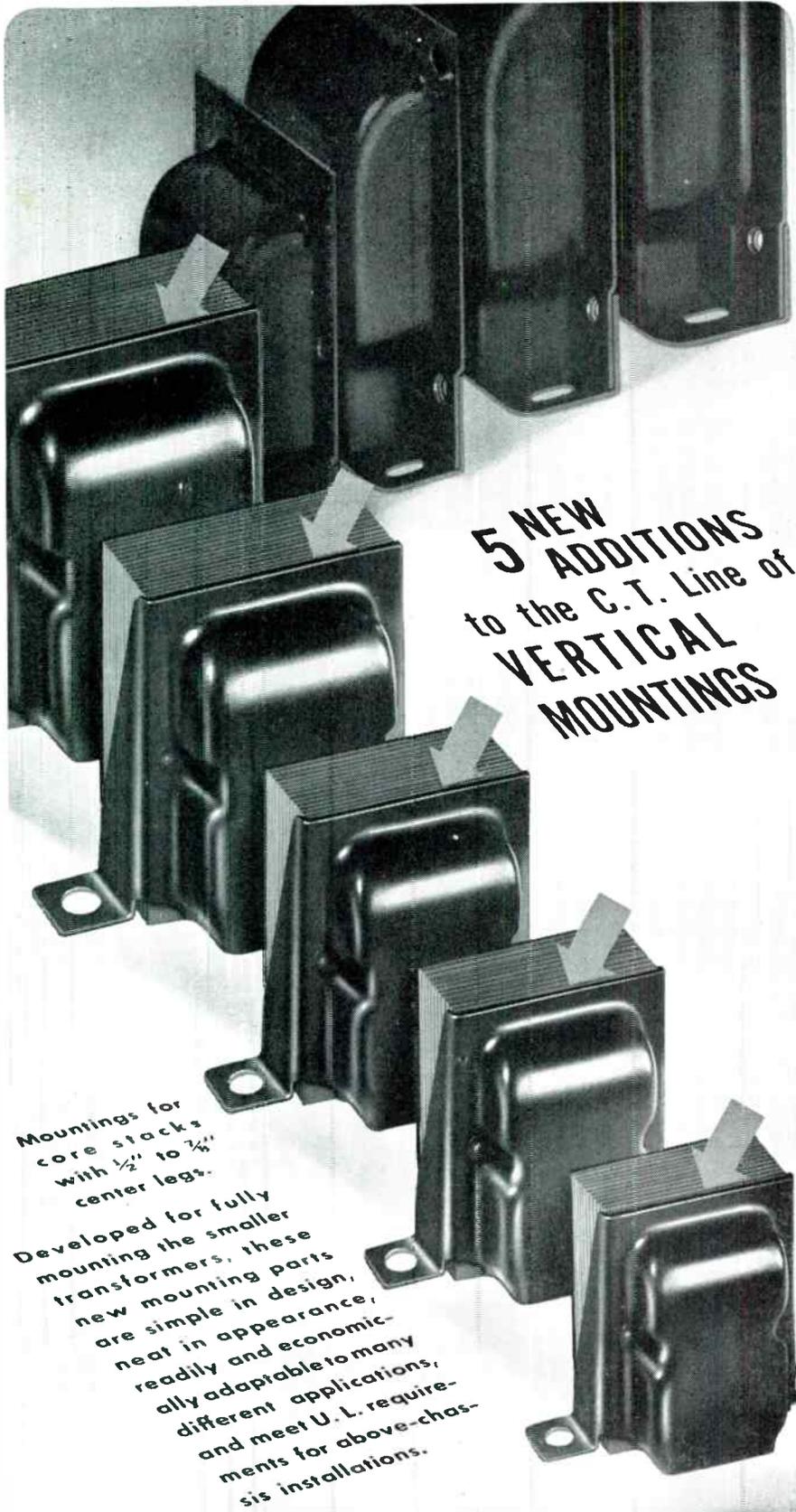
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**WHAT'S NEW
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**1. FCC HEARING ON
LOWER FM BAND**

2. FM ALLOCATION PLAN

1 Just as we are closing this issue, word has been received that, in response to a petition filed by Zenith Radio Corporation, the FCC will hold a hearing January 18th to consider the possible retention of the 42- to 50-mc. band for FM broadcasting.

This was not unexpected. FCC advisers who insisted that FM must move to 80 mc. justified their stand on the basis of the necessity for providing rural FM coverage. Now, the Commissioners realize that they were misled, for the contentions of those who spoke with the authority of personal knowledge and experience are being confirmed. Upper band FM cannot deliver the rural coverage that Mr. Norton read from his curves. Perhaps that is the reason why Mr. Norton is no longer at the FCC.

The notice of the new hearing, dated January 3, 1946, reads:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Commission having under consideration a petition filed by Zenith Radio Corporation on January 2, 1946, requesting that the band 42 megacycles to 50 megacycles be assigned for FM broadcasting in addition to the assignment already made to FM in the 88 to 108 megacycle band.

IT IS ORDERED, This 3rd day of January, 1946, that a hearing on said petition be held before the Commission *en banc* at 10:00 A.M., on January 18, 1946, on the following issues:

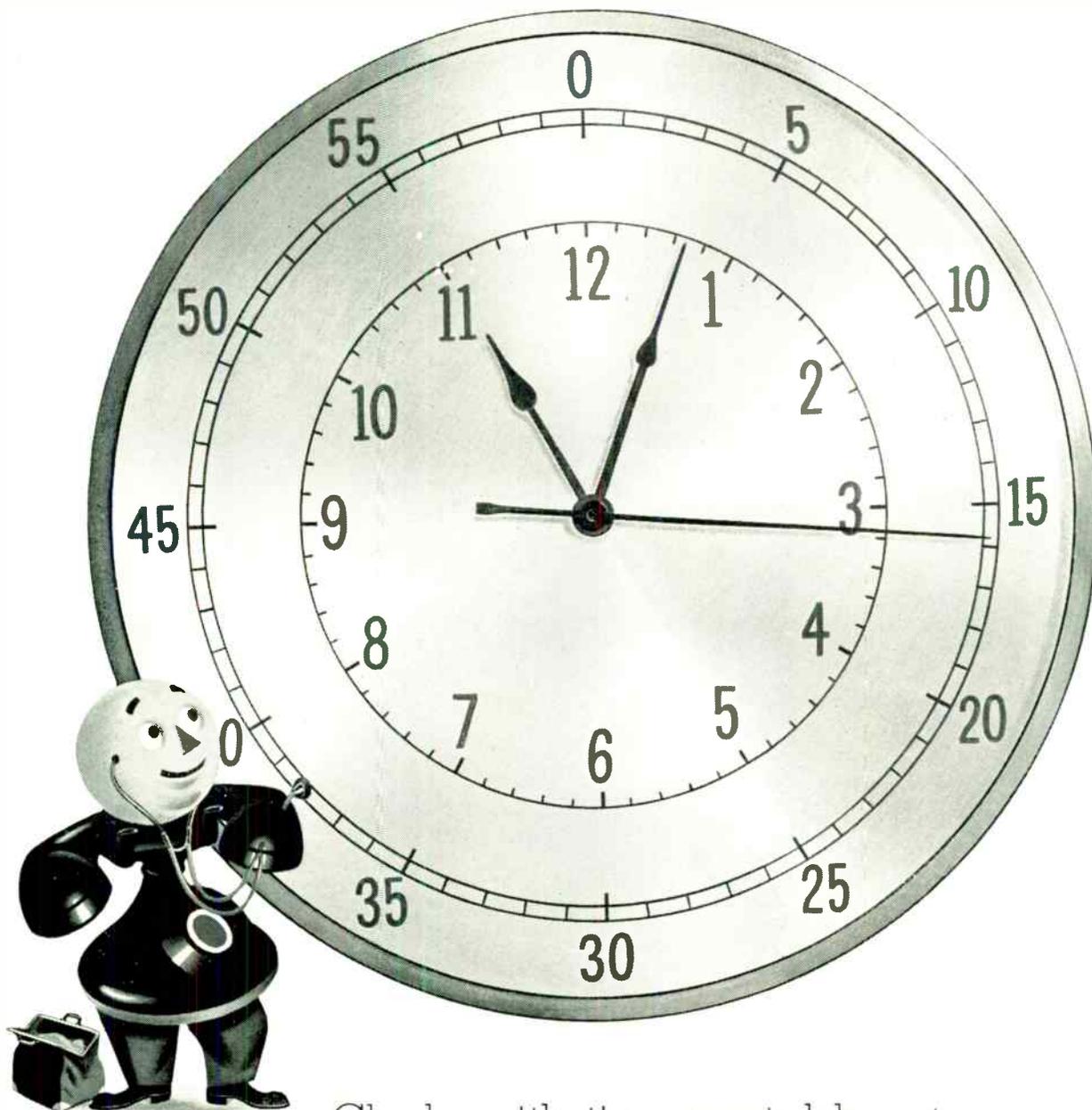
1. Whether the band 42 megacycles to 50 megacycles, or any part of it, should be made available for FM broadcasting in addition to the assignment already made to FM in the 88 to 108 megacycle band.

2. If any portion of such band is made available for FM broadcasting, whether such frequencies should be available for Non-Commercial Educational, Community, Metropolitan and Rural FM stations or only for Rural FM stations and whether such frequencies should be available for FM stations in the entire United States or only in Area II.

3. To obtain information concerning the additional cost of FM receivers if the band 42 megacycles to 50 megacycles or

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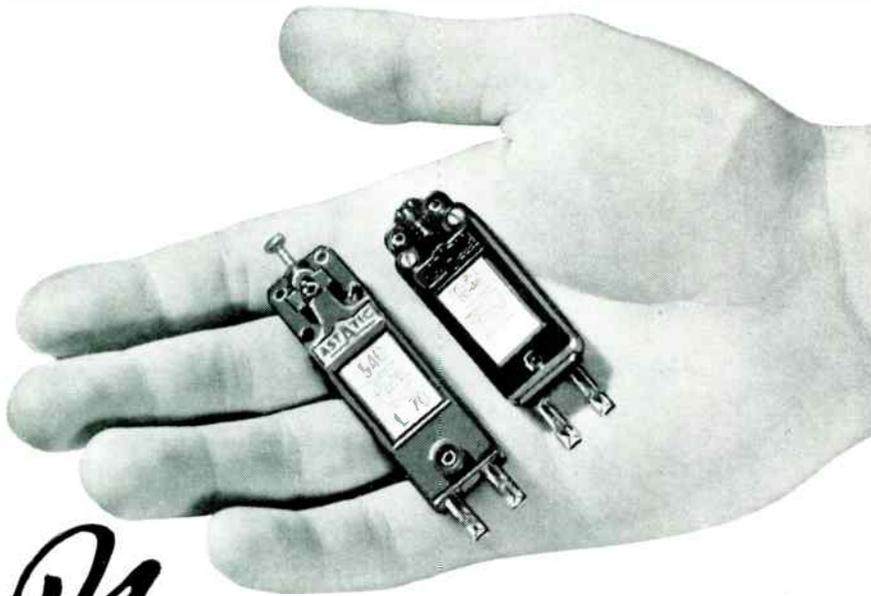
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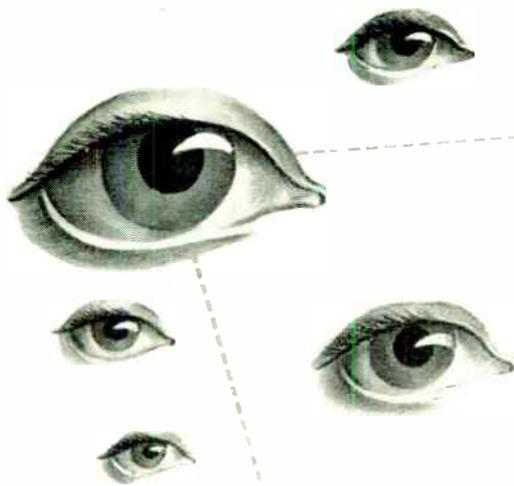
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Hallicrafters: Has appointed Jack F. McKinney of Dallas as southwestern regional sales manager of its Echophone home radio division. Robert H. Campbell has joined the Company in the same capacity for the midwest territory.

Raytheon: General sales manager of the receiving tube division is L. R. O'Brien, formerly director of sales for Ken-Rad. He will make his headquarters at Raytheon's Chicago office, 445 Lake Shore Drive.

Measurements: Frank M. Murphy has opened a Chicago office at 21 E. Van Buren Street, where he will operate as sales representative for Measurements Corporation.

Farnsworth: Has moved its Chicago distributing branch from 540 N. Michigan Avenue to new offices and showrooms in the American Furniture Mart, 666 Lake Shore Drive. E. J. Hendrickson is manager of this branch.

Eitel-McCullough: Tim Coakley of Boston has been appointed Eimac sales and engineering representative for the New England states.

Radio Receptor: New Washington and government representative for Radio Receptor is F. G. Harlow, formerly sales engineer for Westinghouse.

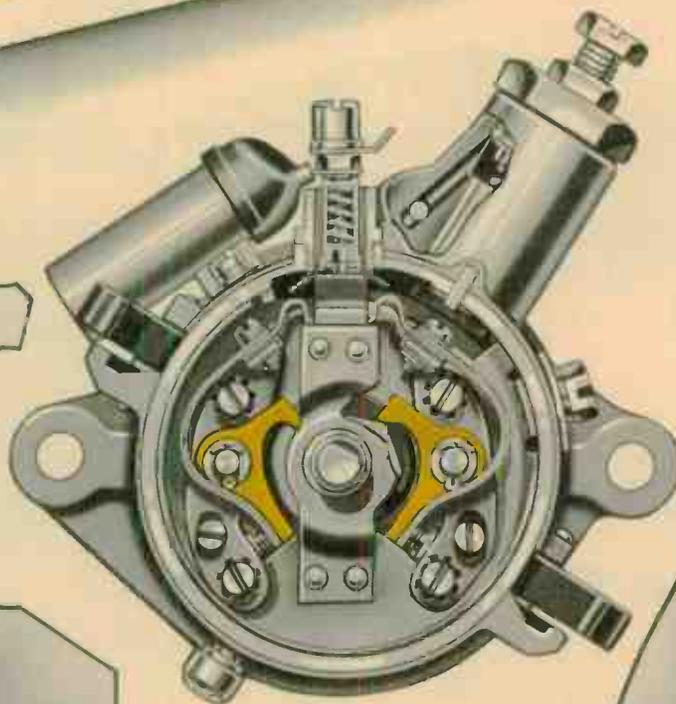
Hollywood: Ernest V. Roberts is back at Fry & Roberts, manufacturers' representatives at 6406 Sunset Boulevard, after four years divided between the R.A.F. and serving as a 1st Lieutenant of the Marines.

Philco: The name of Philco Radio & Television Corporation, wholly-owned subsidiary handling distribution of Philco products in the U. S., has been changed to Philco Products Incorporated.

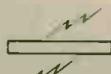
Harry B. Segar: Of Buffalo, N. Y., passed away on November 22nd. He was the very successful and popular representative of Amphenol, Jensen, and I.R.C.

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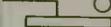
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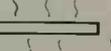
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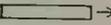
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This new tube, then, is being made in a low-drain filament type and is able to operate at 1.25 volts. This takes advantage of a new, small battery developed during the war which, of course, is a further aid in the manufacture of remarkably small radio sets.

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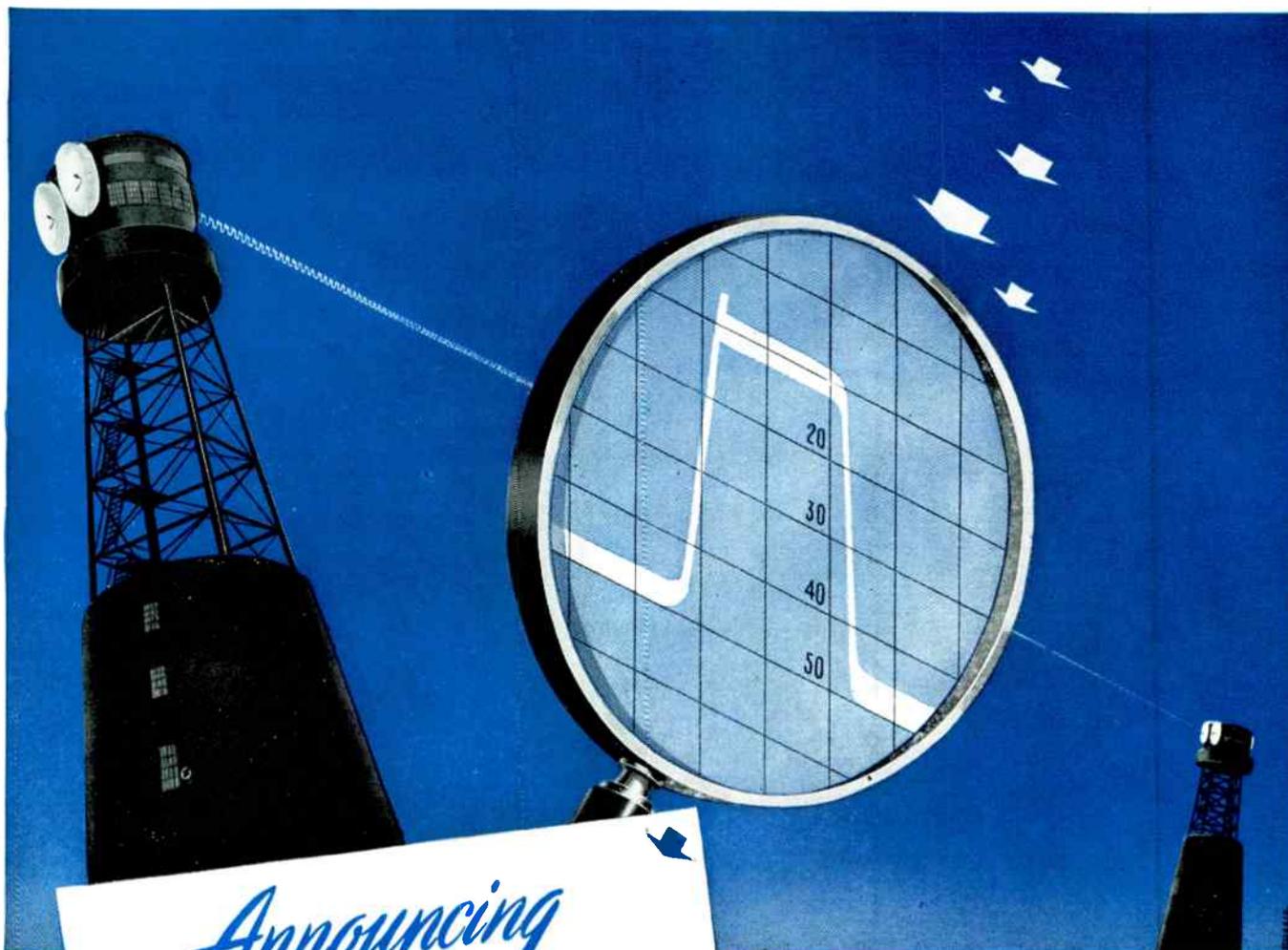
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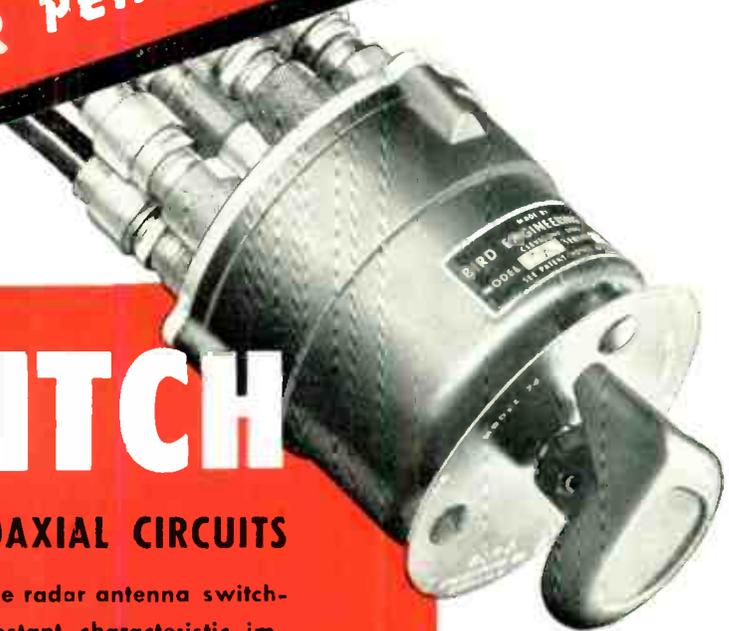
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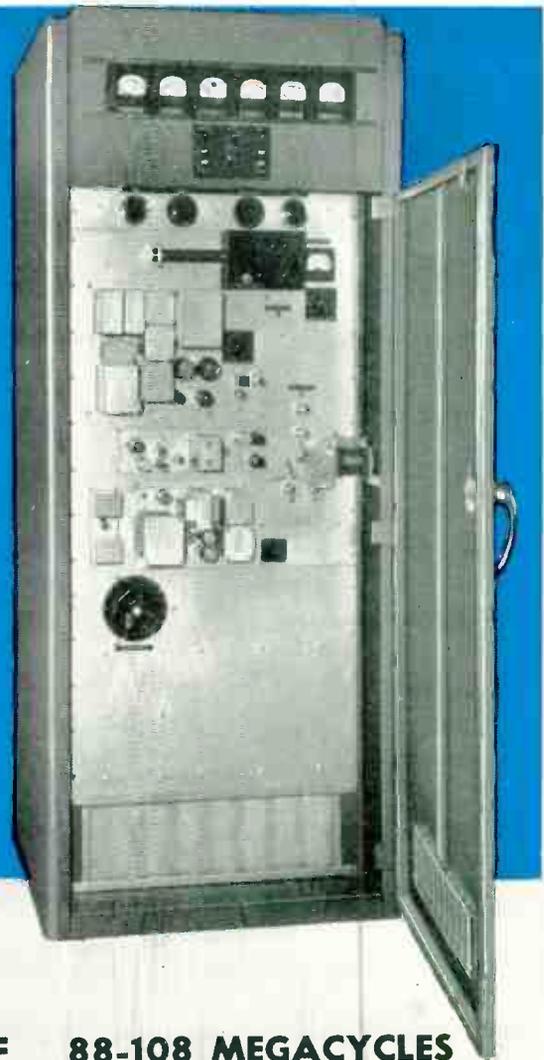
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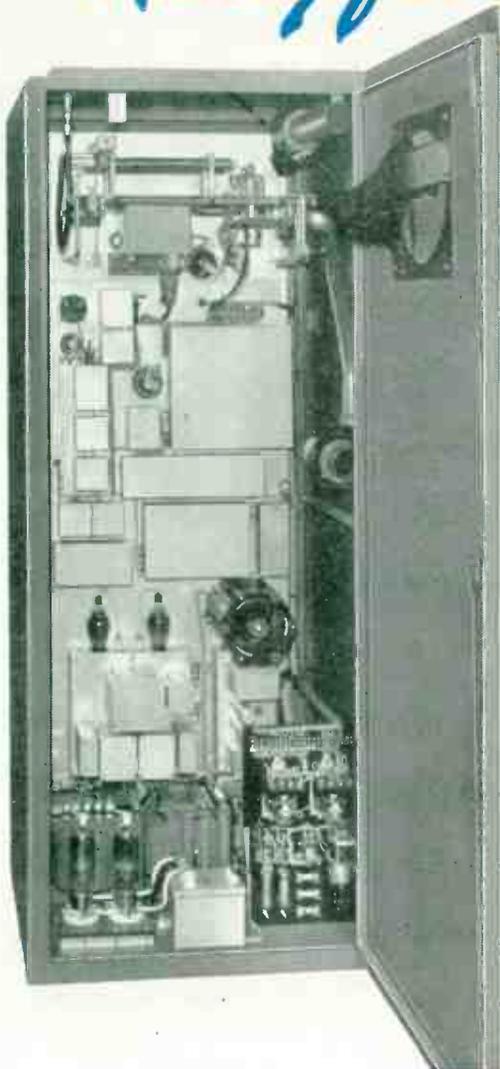
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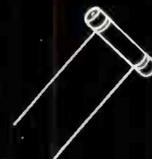
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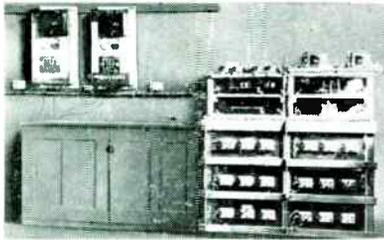
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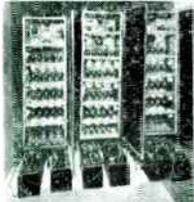
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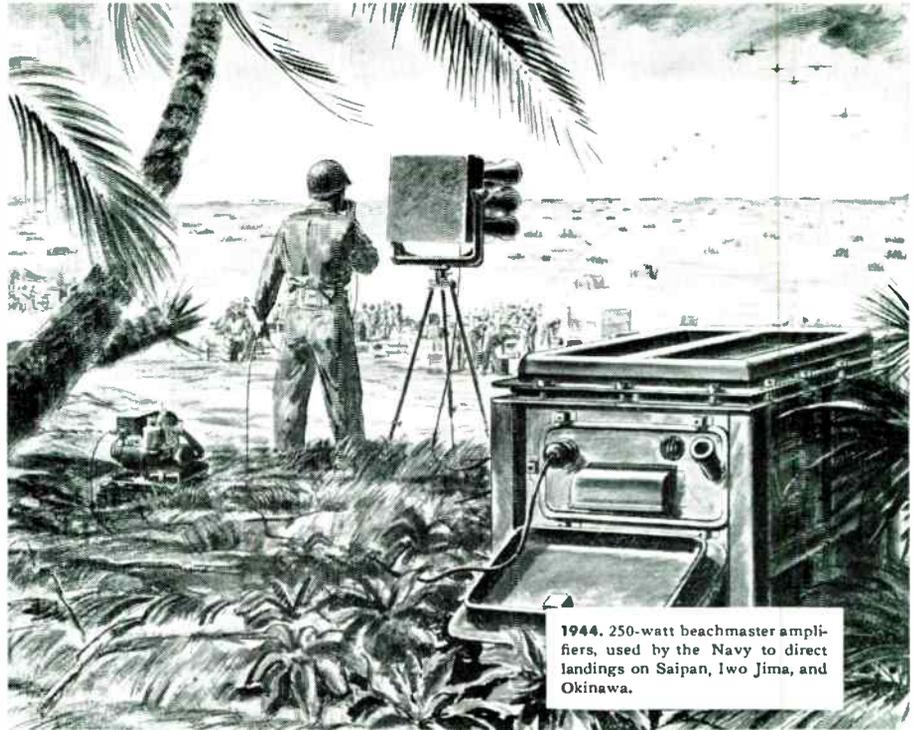
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A GI'S REPORT ON LOWER-BAND FM

A Veteran Radio Operator's Experience with FM under Battle Conditions

BY PAUL L. ZENS*

DEAR Mr. Editor, Your article entitled "Observations of an AM Listener" in the November, 1945 issue of *FM AND TELEVISION* checks with my own experience since I returned to the United States. My only complaint about what you said is that you didn't put enough emphasis on the superior service that FM can give radio listeners.

In fact, for all the FM listening you have done, you really don't know how good FM is, and how much superior it is to AM. During the War, there were only some fifty FM broadcasting stations in the whole U.S.A. In Europe, we had thousands of FM transmitters, many times the number of broadcasting stations there will ever be here at home, and in a much smaller area.

As a T/4 radio operator in a combat Infantry division, I listened to FM many more hours a day, day in and day out, than you ever had time to do. Of course, I was trained on CW, but in battle, at least everywhere I was, there was no dot-dash operation. It was too slow, and too liable to errors and interference from static or other transmitters.

One of the main reasons the American Army moved so fast against the Germans was that it had overall information supplied by fast communications. In combat teams, that meant radio, and that radio meant FM!

For example: In one Infantry division we had a minimum of 81 SCR-300 radios operating on 18 frequencies, and more than 150 sets in the 600 series operating on about 40 frequencies. These figures are minimum approximations. It was a rare day when a much larger number of sets was not in use. And of course I am referring only to our own division.

Army radios are made sensitive rather than selective on the general idea that it is better to hear anything at all than to hear nothing at all. On the basis of tactical use, the most important radio was the SCR-300, the walkie-talkie, used between battalion HQ and the line companies. This equipment has a range from 40 to 48 megacycles, the highest frequencies used by the Army in tactical operations. There was, therefore, ample opportunity for trouble and vexation arising from operational interference. The SCR-300 was a sensitive and responsive set, but I cannot recall a single instance when our SCR-300's were made inoperative because of transmissions on other networks.

We radio operators at battalion HQ,

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working as combat radiomen, gave thanks that we did not have to use AM, although we did carry one AM set with us. One night, up in the Siegfried Line, when we needed more equipment than we had, we got out the AM set. The loudspeaker crackled and roared with static. Twenty different stations came in at once with a noise like a platoon of tanks. I think we heard everybody in Europe on that AM receiver. I mean, at the same time. We picked up messages in English — both American and British variety — French, Russian spoken by women operators, and some German. At least, we heard everybody except the station we were trying to reach, which was the nearest station.

It was like being on a party line with a lot of shrill-voiced gossips. We never did establish contact. There was too much static, and too many stations came in on the same or adjacent frequencies. The Executive Officer finally yelled: "Get that set to hell out of here!" It was never used again until after V-E Day. In fact, we were forbidden to use it.

I know the war in Europe would have lasted longer if we hadn't had FM on our side. We were able to shoot fast and effectively because we could get information quickly and accurately by voice, on FM.

Incidentally, it is my conviction that the Germans did not hear us, for they did not attempt to jam our transmissions, nor was there any evidence that our messages were intercepted and the information used against us. It was all so simple that the Army had to surround its radio operation with an air of hocus-pocus lest it be seen that the cunning of the matter lay in its very simplicity.

We had some relatively simple procedures. Our relay systems were good examples of what could be done easily to handle difficult problems. In Army parlance, our *relays* were nothing more than operators whose function it was to transmit messages between two other stations which could not reach each other, but could talk to a relay operator.

An incident on the Siegfried Line will explain our relay operations. At this time, the going was especially rough. The Germans were shelling our battalion with their usual vicious monotony, and one company in particular was in an extremely dangerous situation.

The Germans were so well dug in that their positions could not be reached effectively by our artillery. The weather, as usual, was too bad for us to get air support. There was only one weapon we could use to help the endangered company—

the high-flying, straight-dropping mortars.

The commander of the besieged company was immediately in front of the Germans, but in a poor spot to observe the strike of the shells. If he stuck his head out of his foxhole, it would likely be blown off. The battalion commander, up front but off to one side, could see the shells burst but he could not see the company. The company itself was too far away from battalion HQ to be reached by the HQ radio. In this geographically complicated battalion setup, it was necessary to arrange a fancy radio and telephone network, and fast.

I was working at the HQ radio, and at my side was the chief gunnery officer of the mortar platoon, with his maps and a telephone. I gave him the messages from up front. He translated them into ordnance information and then telephoned instructions to the mortar HQ. In turn, his orders were sent from the mortar HQ to the gun crews by radio. Altogether, the network was made up of two telephones and seven radios operating on two frequencies. The battalion CO, the operator at the mortar HQ, and I were all relay operators. The elapsed time from the original request for mortar fire until the last round was on its way was 20 minutes, and in that time we threw 180 rounds into the Jerries.

This relay operation sounds very simple, and it was, but only because our FM voice communication was so clean and clear that, despite the tremendous noise around us, we worked as if we were each in sound-proofed rooms. Actually, the company CO was in a foxhole, the battalion CO was in a parked jeep, and I was out in the woods. Our own guns were making a terrible racket, German shells were bursting around us, and it was raining very hard.

A good deal of the talking we did that day was in code. We might call the mortars "rain barrels," while ranges and positions were given as letters or numbers. If we had been forced to spend a long time organizing the radio network, or if uncertain reception had made it necessary to ask for repeats to make sure we heard the encoded parts correctly, that barrage might have come too late. The Germans could have moved away or into attack, as we thought they might, or they could have got reinforcements. Anything can happen in a fast-moving battle. But with our FM communications we didn't waste a word, which is another way of saying that we didn't lose a second.

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N.Y.-WASHINGTON COAXIAL CABLE

How AT & T Is Preparing To Handle Network Television

BY ARNOLD C. NYGREN

WITH the television industry planning to make transmitting and receiving equipment available in a few months, a coaxial line system stands by to make network television a reality. Television has had and will continue to have many problems in providing good video service direct from transmitter to receiver, but network facilities must be developed and put into operation before commercial television can become economically practicable.

Networks have made possible the elaborate, high-cost radio programs of today, and it is only through similar networks that television can succeed on a nationwide scale. Unfortunately, television, already confronted with high costs of equipment and programming, cannot utilize existing telephone wire circuits as a distribution system. Transmitting video signals presents many problems not encountered in handling aural signals which require, at the most, a 15,000-cycle bandwidth. To provide and maintain a path several megacycles wide for video signals is a highly technical undertaking.

The public and the press had a preview of network television on December 1st, 1945, at the time of the annual Army-Navy football game at the Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia. The event was transmitted by special wire from the Stadium to the Philadelphia terminal of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, then by coaxial cable to New York, and on to the NBC transmitter atop the Empire State Building, a distance of approximately 100 miles. Because this link will be part of a future nation-wide system and is already an important leg of the 225-mile Washington-New York circuit scheduled to go into regular service this month, its basic details are of great interest.

Coaxial Cables ★ Anticipating the need and importance of suitable circuits for the distribution of television programs, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company began a study of the problems involved 10 or 12 years ago. As a result of these studies, the Philadelphia-New York coaxial cable was subsequently in-

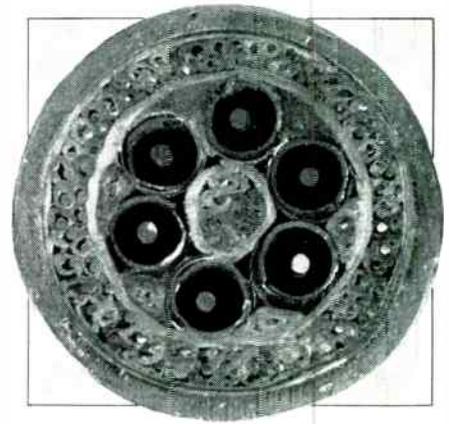


FIG. 1. CABLE WITH SIX COAXIAL LINES

stalled on an experimental basis. The circuit was later extended to Washington, D. C. Early installations utilized two and four coaxial cables, with later installations using the newer type cables carrying six or eight coaxials.

Fig. 1 is an end view of the latter type. The tube of each coaxial line is approximately 1/4 in. in diameter, and is formed from flat copper strip. Hard rubber disc separators of extremely low dielectric loss support the inner conductor. In addition to the six coaxials, there are other wires required for various operating circuits. Each coaxial tube is capable of carrying one television program circuit or 480 separate and simultaneous telephone channels in one direction. In the outer layer are 42 pairs of telephone wires for handling additional telephone conversations.



ABOVE: FIG. 2, LEFT, CAMERA AT PHILADELPHIA STADIUM



FIG. 3, RIGHT, AMPLIFIER ROOM BELOW THE STADIUM



BELOW: FIG. 4, LEFT, ONE OF THE INTERMEDIATE AMPLIFIER POINTS BETWEEN THE STADIUM AND THE RACE STREET TERMINAL



FIG. 5, RIGHT, CARRIER TERMINAL EQUIPMENT AT RACE STREET EXCHANGE

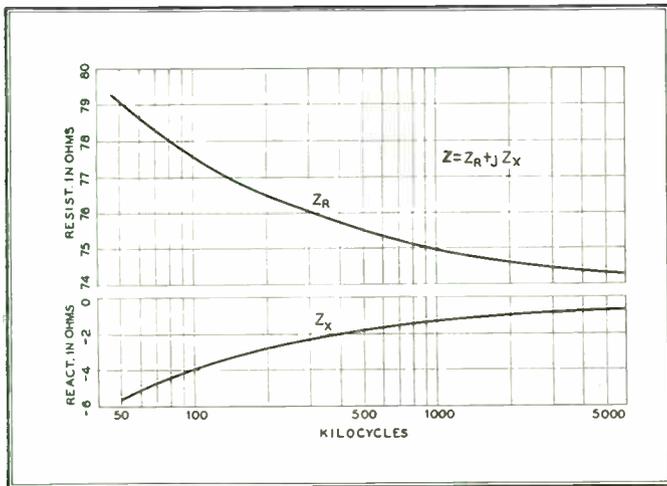


FIG. 6. IMPEDANCE CHARACTERISTICS AS A FUNCTION OF FREQUENCY FOR A 5-MILE LENGTH OF INSTALLED COAXIAL CABLE

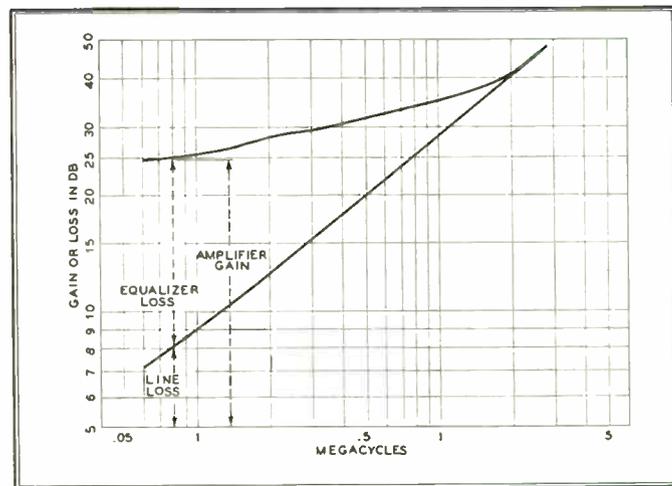


FIG. 7. OVERALL GAIN AND LOSS IN THE LINE. LOSS IS MADE UP BY THE LINE EQUALIZER, TO MAINTAIN ZERO NET LOSS

Local Philadelphia Line ★ The handling of a network program requires the co-operation of many engineers. A pick-up made at some distance from the terminal of the coaxial adds to the many problems involved. The Army-Navy pick-up was typical of such a situation, as the Stadium is located 6 miles south of the coaxial terminal, and required the use of a special wire circuit satisfactory for television. An ordinary telephone pair was selected for the extension from the terminal to the Stadium. For a wide band circuit, no branching can be tolerated. Therefore great care was taken in providing a pair that was clean throughout its entire length. Usually this requires a redistribution of circuits in the particular area involved. Repeaters are required about every mile in a circuit of this type, 5 being used in this case.

From the press box in the west stand, Fig. 2, where the television cameras were located, the program was fed to the Stadium transmitting amplifier room beneath the stand, Fig. 3. From this point, the signals were fed via the repeater points, such as the one shown in Fig. 4, to the receiving terminal at 900 Race Street, Fig. 5, for final monitoring of the extension before transmittal to New York.

Philadelphia-N.Y. Coaxial ★ The many advantages of coaxial cables for long-distance broad-band transmissions are well known. Fig. 6 shows the impedance characteristics as a function of frequency for a 5-mile length of installed cable.

Amplifying equipment, and not the cable itself, determines the bandwidth of a coaxial system

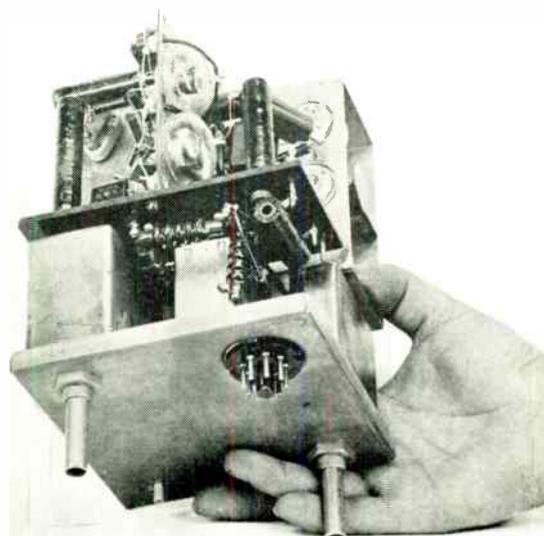
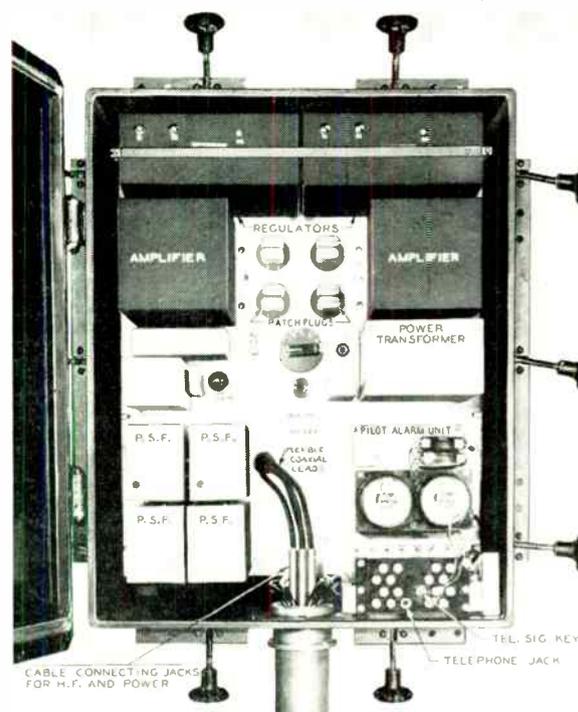


FIG. 8. BELOW: 3-MC. AMPLIFIER UNIT OF THE REPEATER ASSEMBLY

within the present required ranges on which studies have been conducted. The amplifiers currently in use provide for approximately a 2.7-mc. bandwidth. To date this has satisfied the demands of black and white transmission. Undoubtedly improvements in the overall system will make better network facilities desirable in the future.

The amplifier units installed at intervals along the cable employ a 3-stage feedback circuit with 2 small pentodes in parallel in each stage, providing an output power of .1 to .2 watts at a plate potential of 130 volts. The tubes are used in parallel as a safety factor. Power for the amplifier is transmitted over the coaxial itself from main stations located at about 50-mile intervals, and is separated from the signal at the repeater points by power supply filters.

The overall gain is equal to the line loss plus the loss in the equalizer, as is shown in Fig. 7. The difference between the gain and line loss is made up by a line equalizer, so that, to a first approximation, zero loss in transmission is obtained at all frequencies within the band over each repeater section. Feedback in the order of 30 db is effective around the entire amplifier at frequencies up to 2 mc. with about 10 db additional around the final stage.

To obtain a high degree of transmission stability and linearity, the feedback gradually falls off about 10 db from 2 mc. up to 3 mc. With this type amplifier and cable, repeater sections are required about every 5 miles.

Temperature, tube, and component variations require compensation to provide constant ampli-

FIG. 9. ABOVE: THIS TYPE OF REPEATER IS REQUIRED EVERY 5 MILES

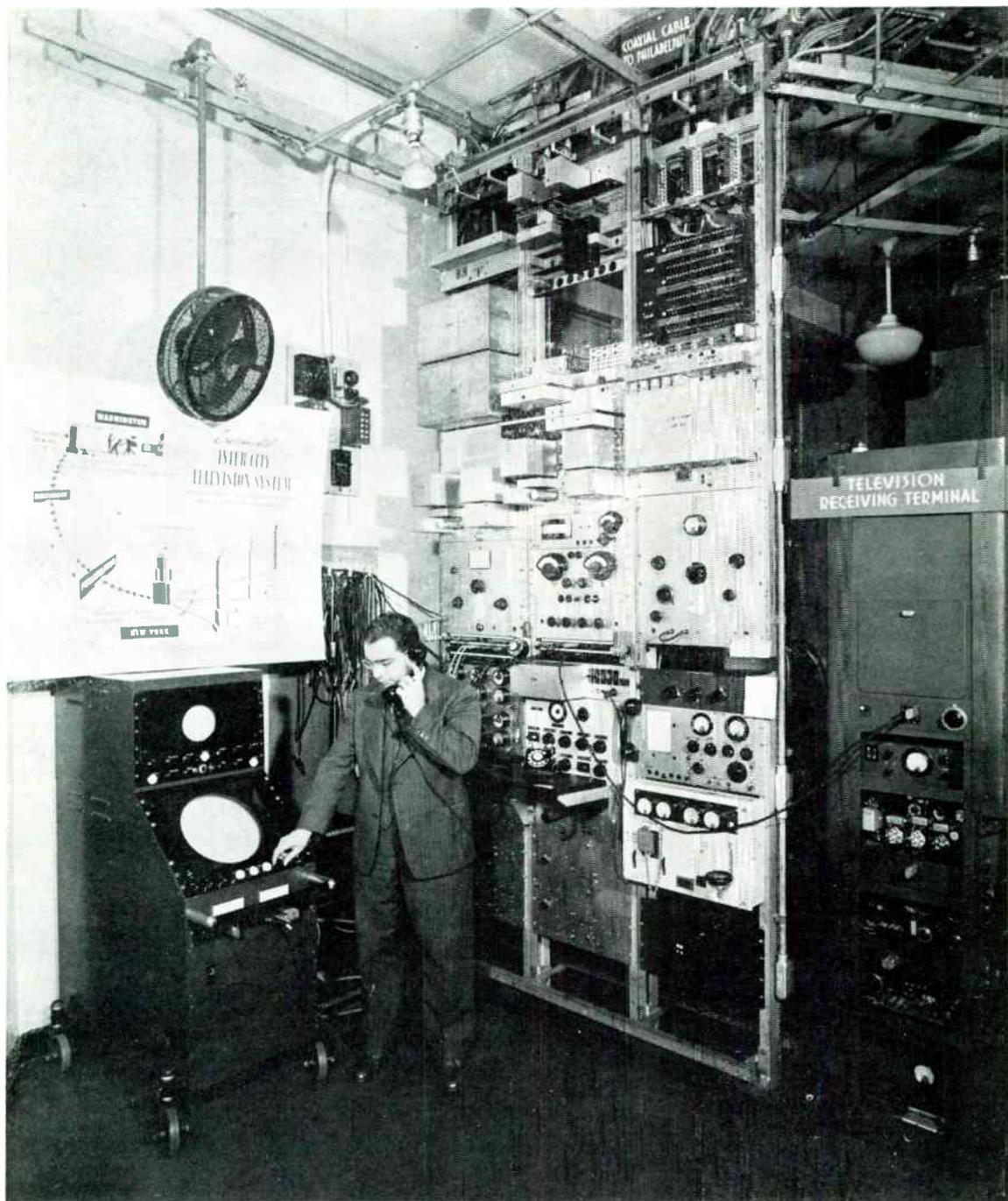


FIG. 10. NEW YORK CITY TERMINAL OF THE N. Y.-WASHINGTON COAXIAL CABLE. TELEVISION SIGNALS ARE MONITORED HERE, THEN CONDUCTED TO ANY OF THE TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE CITY

fier gain. This is accomplished automatically at each amplifier by means of a small thermistor, made up of oxides which have a very large negative temperature coefficient of resistance.

In this system, three pilot frequencies of 64, 2064, and 3096 kc. are transmitted along the line with the signal. A high impedance crystal filter circuit is bridged across the coaxial at the repeater to isolate these frequencies, which are then amplified and rectified for use in controlling the output of an oscillator. This output is then used to control the resistance of the thermistor. Thus, the regulation maintains substantially constant output voltages at the pilot frequencies over a range of about 9 db in input volt-

age, which is more than ordinarily obtained in practice.

To compensate for changes in loss in the coaxial conductors over a wide variation in temperature, the feedback circuit has been designed so that changes in the resistance of the thermistor produce changes in gain over the entire frequency band. Overall and supplementary adjustments are required at 50-mile intervals, in addition to the 5-mile points, to give the desired overall accuracy and uniformity. Fig. 8 shows the 3-mc. amplifier unit, and Fig. 9, the complete repeater assembly capable of handling two coaxials, one for each direction. The complete assembly contains, in addition to the two amplifiers, the power supply,

equalizers, automatic regulators and various automatic alarm circuits. The overall size is about 2 by 2 by 1 ft.

Twenty repeater points, including a main repeater at Princeton, were required for the Philadelphia to New York transmission of the Army-Navy game. The New York terminal, Fig. 10, is located at 32 Sixth Avenue. Here, in addition to the 3-mc. terminating equipment, are located the amplifiers for voice transmission over the associated wires in the coaxial cable, or over the coaxial tubing itself if so desired. The complete system provides for 480 voice circuits, stacked one above the other, in the frequency band from 68 to 2044 kc. which can be transmitted over a pair of coaxials. In television trans-

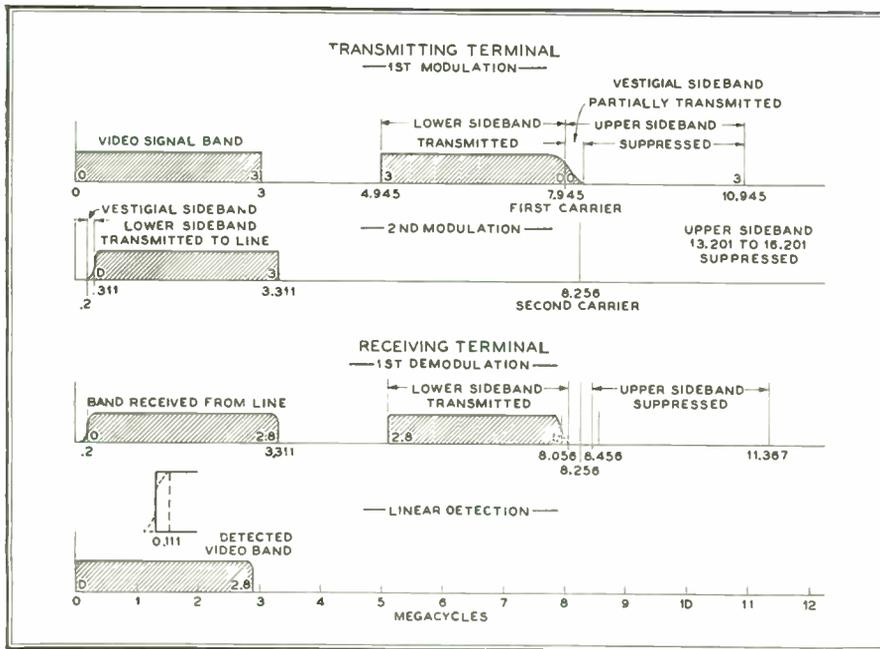


FIG. 11. MODULATION AND DEMODULATION OF SIGNALS FOR CABLE TRANSMISSION

mission, a program is treated as one voice circuit, occupying a bandwidth of approximately 2.7 mc.

The video frequency range is not suitable for long distance transmission, due to the relatively low frequencies involved. The carrier method used in this system provides for raising the entire video frequency band to a region more suitable for transmission. Also, to conserve frequency space, single side band transmission is employed. Although the amplifiers pass a bandwidth from about 64 kc. to 3100 kc., slightly less than 3 mc. are used due to the difficulty of equalizing delay distortion near the lower edge of the band. Allowing about 100 kc. for proper shaping of the vestigial side band, a net television band of about 2.7 mc. is obtained with the carrier placed at 311 kc.

Two modulation steps are used to bring the carrier up this amount, as shown in Fig. 11. A frequency of 311 kc. was selected, to take full advantage of the available feedback in the amplifier. In the first modulation step, the signal is modulated with a carrier of approximately 8

mc., using a band filter selecting the lower sideband, part of the carrier, and a portion of the upper sideband. This is illustrated at the top of Fig. 11. The resultant is again modulated with about an 8.3 mc.

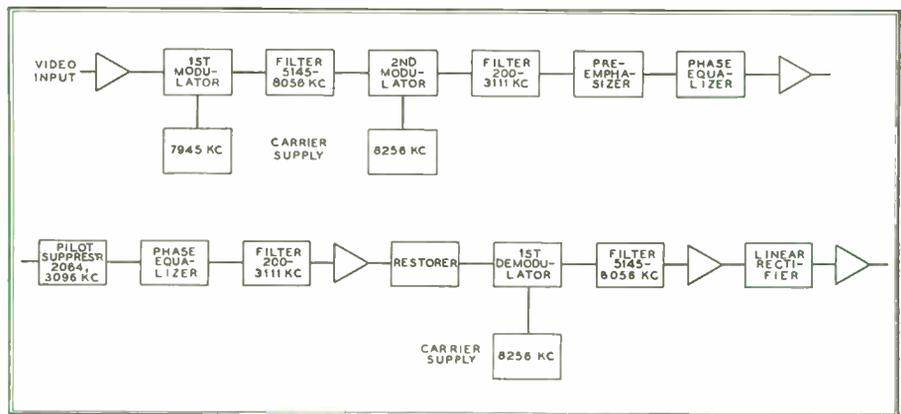


FIG. 12. BLOCK DIAGRAM OF THE TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING TERMINALS

carrier and the lower sideband selected, as Fig. 11 shows at the second line. It is then in position for transmittal over the coaxial line.

Fig. 12 is a block diagram of the transmitting and receiving carrier terminals. Pre-emphasis and de-emphasis, plus a phase equalizer, are used to help override noise and spurious modulation products and to correct for phase distortion. Fig. 13 shows the frequency allocation of the pilot frequencies, program channel, and television channel.

Within New York City, a permanent shielded cable was used for extension of the coaxial system to the Empire State Building. For this distance no intermediate repeater amplifiers are required.

Network Service ★ With the coaxial cable system now extended and tested as far as Washington, D. C., a regular network

television service on an experimental basis was started in January of this year. It is expected that the system will be officially inaugurated about the end of January. Shortly after that event, it is planned to make the cable facilities available to CBS, NBC and Dumont two nights a week each for regular service.

New Facilities ★ An improved eight-coaxial type of cable, in which the diameter of each tube is .375 ins. in diameter, is being planned for early installation in other sections of the country, principally along the 1,450-mile Dallas-Los Angeles route, and for the proposed Buffalo-Cleveland, and New York-Philadelphia projects. With this larger tubing it is expected that repeater stations every 8 miles will provide the same circuit capacity. Main stations, now situated at intervals of as much as 80 miles with the smaller coaxial, can be spaced as far as 150 miles with the newer type. Upon the availability of wider-band associated equipment, a bandwidth of approximately 4 mc. can be handled, providing an improved video channel is desired. A cross section of the new eight-coaxial cable is shown in Fig. 14. Two of these wires will be used for pilot alarm, four as the cable-

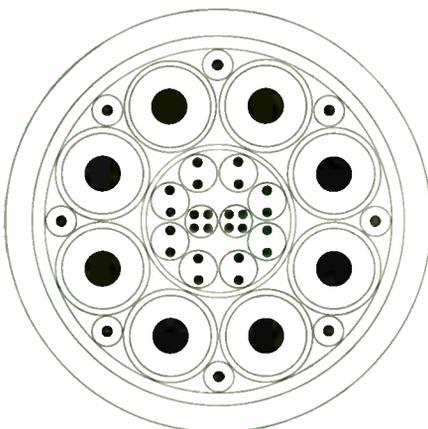


FIG. 14. NEWEST TYPE COAXIAL CABLE

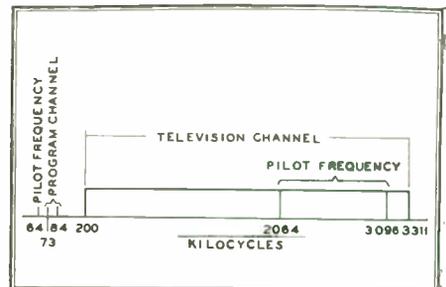


FIG. 13. ALLOCATION OF PILOT, PROGRAM, AND TELEVISION FREQUENCY CHANNELS

SPOT NEWS NOTES

Items and comments, personal and otherwise, about manufacturing, broadcasting, communications, and television activities

E. Finley Carter: Former vice president in charge of industrial relations for Sylvania has been named vice president in charge of engineering, following the resignation of Roger M. Wise.

Television Licensees: On December 21st, the FCC announced that the following commercial television stations have been licensed:

Balaban & Katz, Chicago	WBKB	66-72 mc.
CBS, New York	WBCW	54-60 mc.
DuMont, New York	WABD	76-82 mc.
NBC, New York	WNBZ	66-72 mc.
Phileo, Philadelphia	WPTZ	60-66 mc.
G. E., Schenectady	WRGB	66-72 mc.

In addition, the following experimental stations have been licensed:

Balaban & Katz, Chicago	W9XBK	66-72 mc.
Crosley, Cincinnati	W8XCT	66-72 mc.
DuMont, New York	W2XVT	76-82 mc.
DuMont, Passaic	W2XWV	76-82 mc.
Don Lee, Los Angeles	W6XAO	54-60 mc.
Phileo, Springfield, Pa.	W3VE	60-66 mc.
Tele. Prod'ns, Los Angeles	W6XYZ	76-82 mc.
Zenith Radio, Chicago	W9XZV	54-60 mc.
RCA, Camden	W3XEP	82-88 mc.
Univ. of Iowa, Ia. City	W9XUI	44-50 mc.

also 210-216 mc.

Arthur Freed: Vice president and general manager of Freed Radio Corporation: "One very important fact the dealers will have to learn about FM is that all sets will not give identical performance just because they have FM circuits. Until official standards are established, dealers should check the performance of FM models with great care before putting them on sale, giving special attention to sensitivity, noise level, and audio range. Also, a complete antenna system should be sold with every receiver, for reception problems at 88 to 108 mc. are very different from those at AM broadcast frequencies."

FM for Irrigation Control: At Garwood, Texas, the Garwood Irrigation Company has been authorized to erect an FM headquarters station and to operate two 50-watt and four 35-watt mobile units for cars which patrol 200 miles of canals, in addition to ditches, extending over 100,000 acres of farms. Until now, communications between water patrons, patrols, and headquarters have been catch-as-catch-can, and much damage has been done from lack of close water regulation. Now, patrons will be able to phone headquarters and get instructions to the nearest patrol in a matter of minutes.

David B. Smith: Director of Phileo's research division since 1941 and present chairman of the RMA television standards committee, has been appointed vice president in

charge of engineering of Phileo Corporation.

Radio Set Prices: Of 75 radio sets listed in OPA reports No. 2 and 3, the average retail price was \$37. Of these, 63 were AC-DC models, and 12 were AC types.

Of the 63 AC-DC models, 55 were priced under \$30, and averaged \$23.95. Only 8 AC-DC models were above \$30. They averaged \$35.38. Lowest in these two groups was \$10.55; highest was \$41.25.

Eight AC table models, ranging from \$37.85 to \$82.70, averaged \$52.78. One AC table combination and four console combinations, averaging \$150.95, were responsible for bringing up the average of the entire 75 sets to the \$37 average. All were for AM tuning only.

Prior to the war, the average retail unit sale of FM-AM radios was about \$350. When OPA prices are issued for postwar FM-AM models, there will be more in the lower brackets than formerly, but the type of sets that were most popular in the past will be upped enough to keep the average of FM-AM unit sales close to the old level.

Significance of this data is that the dollar volume is going to be too low to support all the old and new companies unless FM broadcasting and FM set sales are promoted aggressively. This applies to components manufacturers, too.

The analysis above shows that AM sets will mean very little business for transformer and coil-winding manufacturers, or for those producing anything better than the cheapest grades of condensers, resistors, tuning controls, and other radio parts.

In short, the industry needs FM to raise the average unit of sale as much as listeners need FM to provide enjoyable radio reception.

C. R. Runyan, Jr.: Presented with the Armstrong Medal by the Radio Club of America at its annual dinner in December. This much-coveted honor was in recognition of his contributions to amateur radio over a period of nearly 40 years, and for his work in building the 100-mc. FM transmitter at his station W2AG, Yonkers, where he gave hundreds of demonstrations, including that for the IRE when Major Armstrong disclosed his FM system to the industry.

CBS Color Television: The demonstration of color television which CBS promised to give the press on January 8th was called off on the 7th. Last-minute announcement explained that the engineering department had been disorganized by influenza, and expressed the hope that their new, higher-powered transmitter will be in op-

eration by the time a new date can be set for the demonstration.

Lawrence K. Marshall: President of Raytheon Manufacturing Company: "Perhaps one of the greatest detriments to the sale of such technically complex products as television receivers has been the difficulty of obtaining satisfactory installation work. . . . In fact, the sales departments at both Raytheon and Belmont feel that service facilities may decide the ultimate public acceptance or rejection of much new electronic equipment."

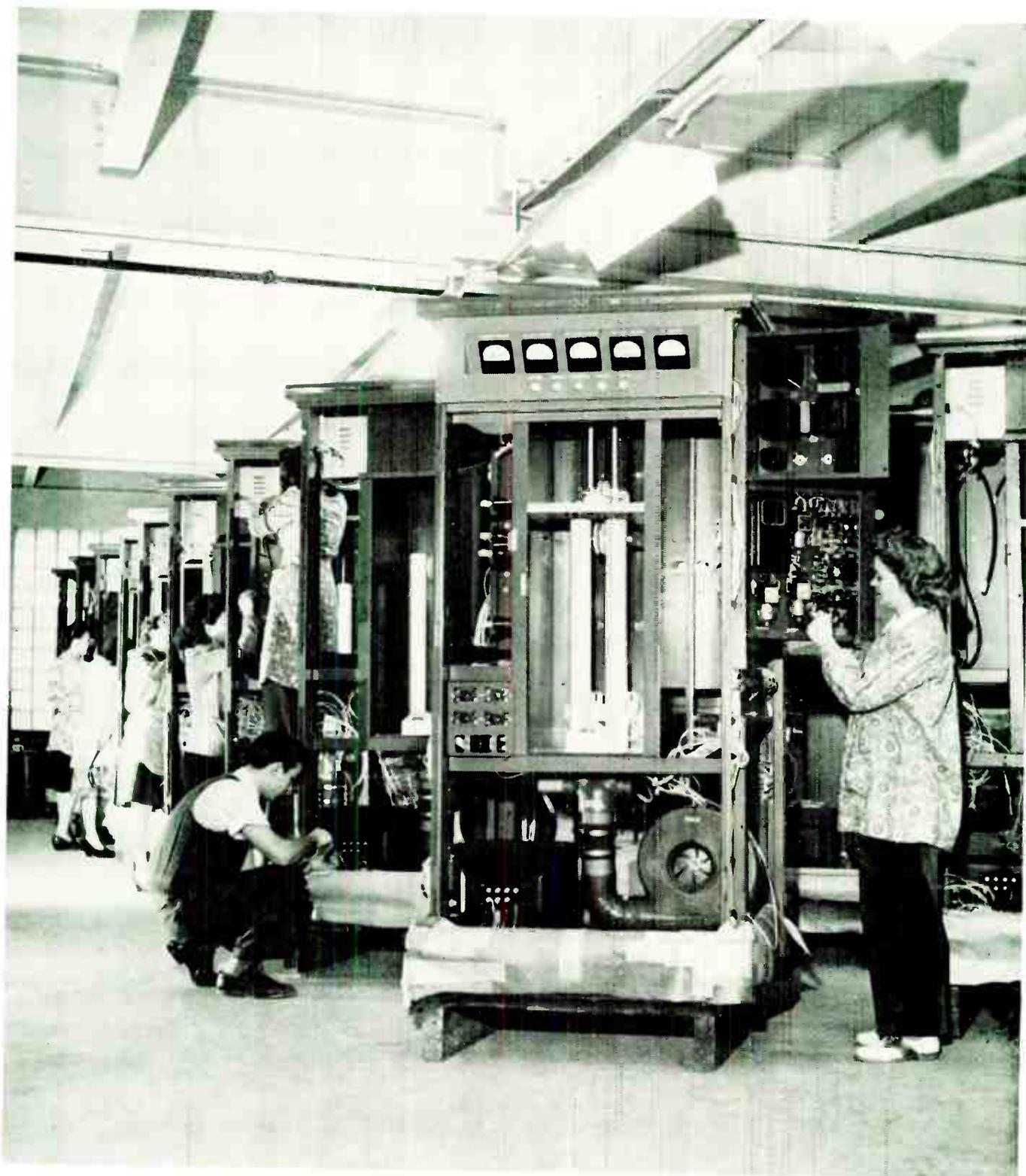
FM Antenna: After erecting a 105-ft. Win-charger antenna at Radio Hill, Great Barrington, we can discuss this kind of an undertaking from first-hand experience. What the job involved, how it was accomplished, and how much it cost will be told in detail, with progressive pictures, in a forthcoming issue of *FM AND TELEVISION Magazine*. Considering that the work was carried out during a prolonged period of sub-zero weather when the wind was tearing around the Berkshire Hills, you'll be surprised to know how easy it was.

Comdr. Robert M. Booth, Jr.: Who did an outstanding job at the radio laboratory of the Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, is now associated with the law office of Kremer & Bingham, 921 Tower Building, Washington, D. C.

Television Expansion: DuMont Laboratories have set up a new Television Broadcasting Division, in which will be centered the operation of WABD New York, the new studios at John Wanamaker's, W3XWT Washington, and stations at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Cincinnati, for which applications have been filed. The new division will be under the direction of Leonard F. Cramer, DuMont vice president.

Microwave Radio: Applications have been filed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for a chain of microwave relay stations between Milwaukee and Chicago. This system will be used in cooperation with WMJT, *The Milwaukee Journal's* projected television station, for carrying video programs. Service will be available to others who are able to make use of it.

This system, with intermediate installations at Barrington, Ill., and at Wilmot and Prospect, Wis., will cost about \$500,000. If there is no delay in obtaining FCC approval, the relay should be ready for tests in the spring of 1947. Towers 120 ft. high will carry antennas designed for operation on frequencies in the 4,000-mc. range.



NEWS PICTURE

PERHAPS the first 1-kw. new-band FM transmitters to be installed will be these units nearing completion in REL's plant No. 2 at Long Island City, N. Y. Shipments are scheduled to start soon, but engineers attending the I.R.E. Winter Conference may have a chance to examine finished transmitters if impatient custom-

ers can be kept waiting for a few days.

Some of these units will go into stations authorized to use only 1 kw., while others, authorized to operate on higher power, will go on the air now with 1 kw., and add power amplifiers later, when available.

As manufacturers' plans are now developing, new band-transmitters will be installed at a rate that will build up the demand for receiving sets as fast as receiver production can be accelerated. This is a healthy condition, for the chicken will

not be waiting to emerge from the egg, nor will the egg have to wait upon the chicken to lay it.

As higher power extends transmitting range to outer suburban and rural areas, set manufacturers will be ready to expand their distribution. Thus, FM should progress in a balanced, orderly manner which, it is hoped, will protect the industry from the sudden boom, quickly followed by widespread failures, experienced in the period from 1929 to 1932.

HIGH-QUALITY FM REPRODUCTION

A Duplex Loudspeaker and Associated Amplifier to Match FM Audio Quality

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THE FCC's standards of good engineering practice for FM broadcast stations, requiring the transmission of frequencies of 50 to 15,000 cycles with very low distortion, will make available to radio listeners a degree of audio fidelity that has never been realized from AM transmission.

At FM broadcast studios, it will be necessary to use monitors with a frequency range up to 15,000 cycles in order to check transmitting line noises, telephone carrier cross-talk, and high-frequency disturbances that may overload the transmitter and produce intermodulation effects throughout the audible range.

There would be no reason to transmit frequencies up to 15,000 cycles unless reproducers of corresponding capability are available to radio listeners. Thus it is evident that loudspeakers and their associated amplifiers are the limiting factors, both at FM studios and in listeners' homes, in achieving the sense of presence that FM can provide.

These remarks may challenge the reader to reply: "If the speaker on my AM receiver could go up to 15,000 cycles, I still would turn down the tone control to cut off everything above 3,000 cycles. I

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FIG. 2. HF DIAPHRAGM IS ALUMINUM

don't like that shrill quality."

Audio reproduction is a personal matter, and a matter of personal experience. Therefore, it is impossible to convince a listener that he will enjoy something he has never heard. It can only be said that listeners accustomed to AM reception, or wartime reception of recordings and network programs on FM, should reserve judg-

ment until they hear full-quality FM on speakers that deliver undistorted reproduction up to 15,000 cycles. It has been the writer's experience that such a demonstration of FM reception invariably results in the question: "How can I get an outfit like that for *my* home?"

Conventional Speakers ★ Conventional single-unit loudspeakers furnished in radio receivers, phonographs, and even station-monitors have several limitations. These are:

1. Intermodulation distortion produced when high frequencies are superimposed on low frequencies which cause large diaphragm excursions. (The lower the frequency, the larger the diaphragm movement for constant power output.)

2. The size of the diaphragm is limited by non-uniform radiation, due to the fact that the angle of distribution decreases as the frequency increases.

3. Requirements for best low-frequency reproduction are opposed to those for proper high-frequency radiation. Large diaphragms and heavy voice coils are needed for low frequencies, while very small diaphragms of extremely small mass are required for the highest frequencies.

4. The speed of propagation of sound in

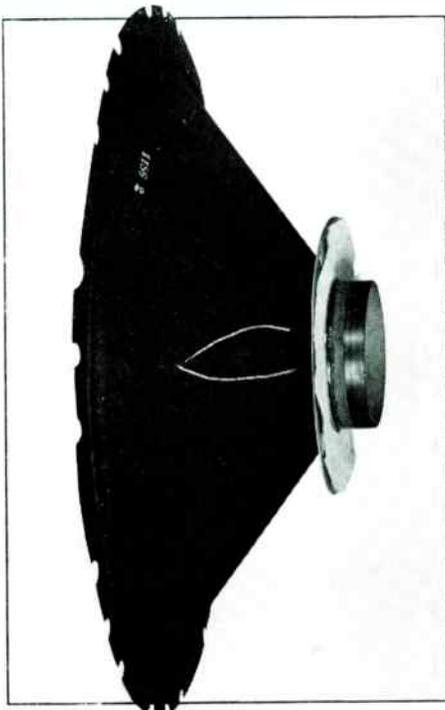


FIG. 3. LF DIAPHRAGM IS MOLDED PAPER



FIG. 1. THE ASSEMBLED DUPLEX SPEAKER, SHOWING POSITION OF THE DIFUSER

a paper cone does not permit efficient radiation of high frequencies.

In addition there are related factors of amplifier design which will be discussed in the latter part of this paper.

It was recognized many years ago that great improvement in audio reproduction could be achieved by the use of two loudspeakers, one for low frequencies and another for the higher frequencies. Such a two-way loudspeaker, when properly designed, reduces the limitations listed above to a very marked degree.

The Duplex Loudspeaker ★ The Altec Lansing duplex loudspeaker, Fig. 1, is a permanent magnet speaker which incorporates several advanced design features and utilizes some of the newer materials which meet certain very special requirements. One unique feature is the concentric arrangement of the high- and low-frequency speaker units on a common horizontal

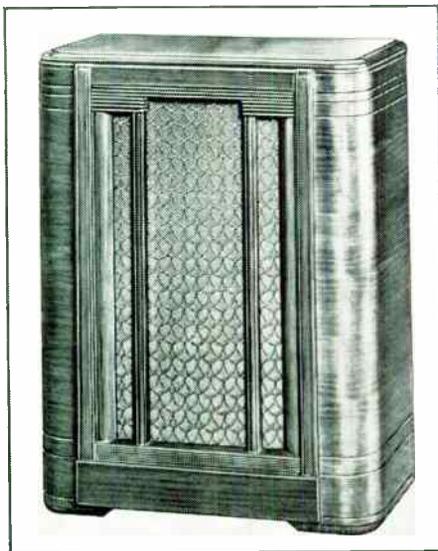


FIG. 5. SPEAKER CABINET OF 7 CU. FT.

axis. Both speaker units are mounted on a single 15-in. die cast frame. This provides compactness unobtainable in two-way speaker systems employing two separate horn assemblies. The die cast frame assures permanent alignment of the cone and voice coil. The rated capacity of this speaker is 25 watts, and it can be used safely up to this power without fear of damage to any of its parts.

HF Speaker Unit ★ The high-frequency speaker unit of this assembly utilizes a metal diaphragm, Fig. 2, having an active vibrating diameter of $1\frac{3}{4}$ ins. It is designed to operate as a piston up to frequencies above the limits of audibility. It is made of aluminum alloy to obtain the required stiffness and a velocity of transmission three times as great as that of paper. The resulting light weight and high stiffness prevents it from breaking up and producing the intermodulation effects so common with paper diaphragms.

Tangential corrugations in the com-

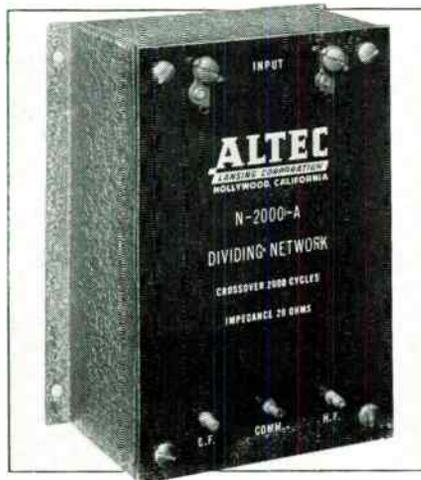


FIG. 4. THE DIVIDING NETWORK UNIT

pliant portion surrounding the dome are used instead of the usual annular type. The tangential compliance permits three times as much movement as the annular type for the same stress. This results in an increased freedom of motion which allows the diaphragm to handle large stresses to the center of the dome.

If the diaphragm were made small enough to radiate sound directly, without having a sharp beam, it would be too small

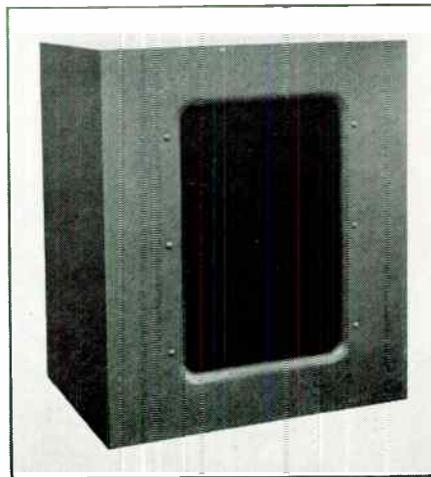


FIG. 6. THIS CABINET IS OF 6 CU. FT.

to handle the required power. This condition necessitated the selection of the multicellular high-frequency horn as a radiating medium.

As Fig. 1 shows, the horn has six cells, each having a 20° angle. Since the configuration is 2 by 5 cells, the maximum angles of radiation are $40^\circ \times 60^\circ$. The angles, size, and cut-off of the high-frequency horn were specifically selected to prevent interference from the low-frequency cone.

The high-frequency horn is mounted on the end of the low-frequency pole piece which is bored out to permit the passage of sound from the high-frequency diaphragm to the horn. The sound, as it leaves the diaphragm, passes through annular slits which effectively prevent destructive interference being set up

within the chamber. This transducer is very necessary as, otherwise, unequal path lengths from the diaphragm to the chamber would cause standing waves.

The voice coil of the high-frequency unit is constructed of edgewise wound aluminum ribbon. The use of this ribbon provides 27% more conductor material in the air gap, with the result that the efficiency is increased to the extent that approximately 22% more acoustic power is obtained.

The diaphragm is clamped to a cast bakelite ring which is held in position by three screws which secure it to the top plate. This can be seen in Fig. 2. By means of these screws, the diaphragm and voice coil assembly can be removed easily without special tools. Accurately positioned dowel pins in the top plate and corresponding holes in the bakelite ring assure proper alignment of the voice coil within the gap.

LF Speaker Unit ★ The low-frequency speaker unit, Fig. 3, employs a seamless, molded cone having an effective area of 116 sq. ins. The cone is moisture resistant and is mounted within the die cast frame concentric with the high-frequency speaker unit.

The low-frequency voice coil is constructed of edgewise wound copper ribbon to provide the maximum amount of conductor in the air gap. This greatly improves the efficiency. The voice coil is considerably larger than usual, being 3 in. in diameter. This results in an increased ability to handle higher power without

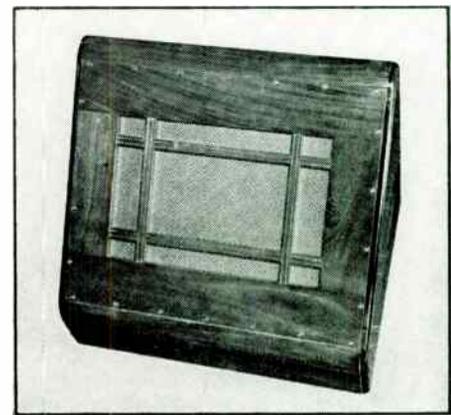


FIG. 7. WALL-MOUNTED CORNER CABINET

undue temperature rise. It also permits a decreased cone depth with an increase in the effective stiffness of the cone, causing it to act more nearly as a piston. The impedance of the voice coil is approximately 20 ohms and the resonance of the cone and voice coil assembly is 40 cycles in free air. A clamping ring secures the outer rim of the cone to the frame. The inner spider assembly is held in place by screws so that it is a simple operation to remove the entire coil and cone assembly.

Permanent Magnets ★ There are two permanent magnets made of Alnico No. 5, one

for each diaphragm. These magnets are of the center-core type, and the soft magnetic materials forming the path between the pole pieces are amply proportioned so that the magnetic flux is conducted through the outside walls and up to the air gap with little loss. The flux density is considerably higher than that ordinarily used in commercial units in the past. This provides better damping of the diaphragms which, in turn, materially increases their ability to handle transients having steep wave fronts. The design is such that the loss due to external leakage is extremely low. The magnets do not attract metal objects in the immediate vicinity, nor will they materially deflect the beam of a cathode ray tube operated in close proximity.

Efficiency ★ The Altec Lansing speaker has an overall efficiency in the region of 500 to 1500 cycles such that it produces 92 db (ref. 10 16 dynes per sq. in.) at a distance of 5 ft. with an input of 0.1 watt.

This increased efficiency minimizes distortion at all performance levels, and gives a much greater dynamic volume range. This can be demonstrated readily by placing a conventional loudspeaker alongside the duplex speaker and balancing them to give the same acoustic output at some medium level. It will then be observed that when the input is decreased to the point where output is zero on the conventional speaker, the duplex speaker will still be audible. Similarly, at high volume, as the input to both speakers is increased, it will be observed that the duplex speaker will deliver more acoustical energy. This is due to the increased linearity of the flux in the air gap.

Dividing Network ★ The cross-over point of the dividing network unit, Fig. 4, is approximately 2000 cycles. It was necessary to select this high cross-over frequency

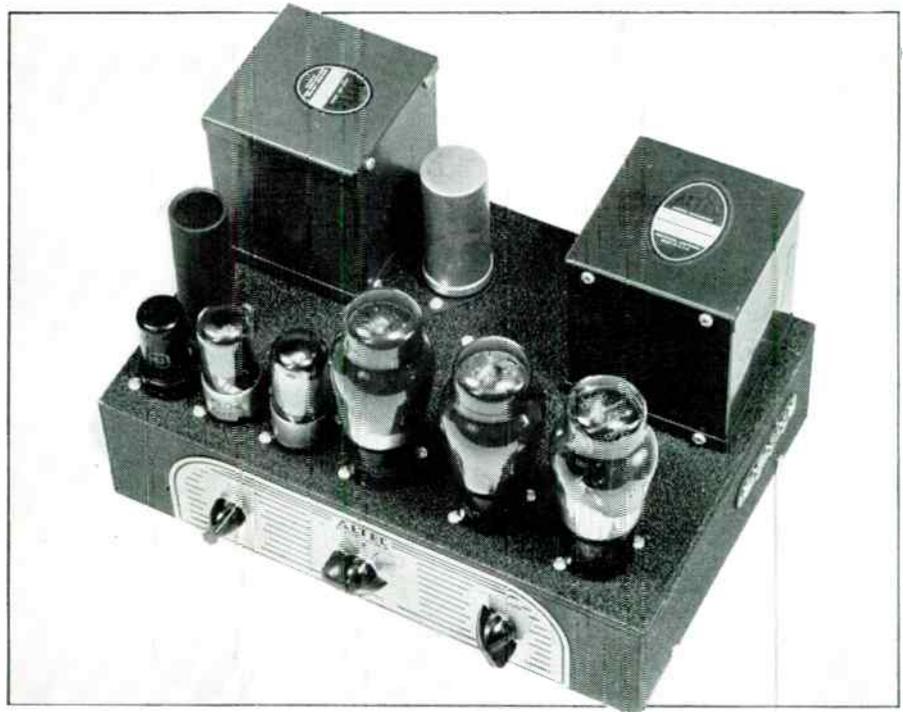


FIG. 8. THIS AMPLIFIER, DESIGNED FOR THE DUPLEX SPEAKER, USES 6L6'S

so that the size of the multi-cellular horn could be kept small because, mounted on the face of the low-frequency horn, it would otherwise obstruct the low-frequency cone radiation.

Distribution & Frequency Range ★ The angle of distribution of sound energy is determined by the number and size of the cells in the high frequency horn. Each cell in the duplex loudspeaker has a distribution angle of 20°. Since the horn has six cells with a configuration of 2 by 3 cells, the angles of coverage are 40° by 60°. Provision is made for rotating the horn to give either of these angles of horizontal distribution with the corresponding angle of vertical distribution, as may be required.

The frequency range of the speaker is

such that it will radiate efficiently over the entire 40° by 60° area up to 15,000 cycles. The low-frequency range is limited only by the size of the cabinet used, down to its natural resonant frequency of 40 cycles. The deviation of impedance with frequency is considerably less than with less efficient loudspeakers, and for this reason it is possible to secure fundamental radiation at low frequencies provided proper loading is used.

Speaker Mountings ★ The duplex speaker is adaptable to many types of cabinets and enclosures. It is normally furnished in three standard cabinets, as follows:

1. The largest cabinet, Fig. 5, is 38 by 30 by 16 ins., and has a volume of approximately 7 cu. ft. A tuned port at the

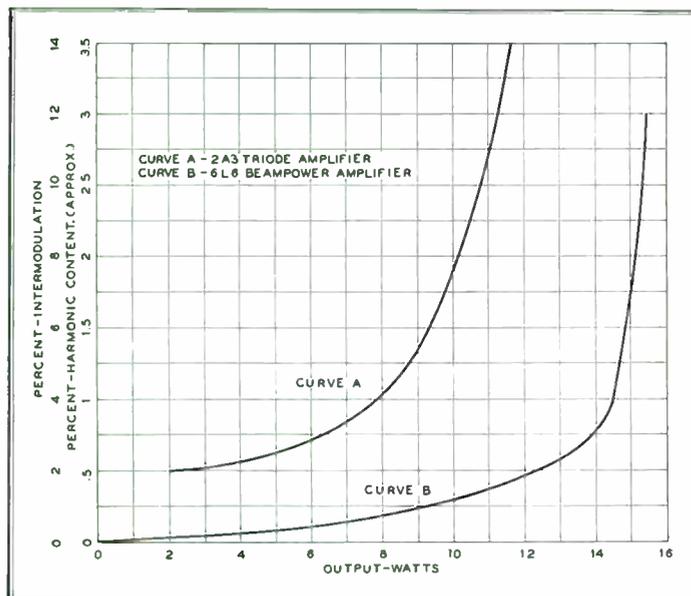


FIG. 9. COMPARISON OF INTERMODULATION WITH 2A3'S AND 6L6'S

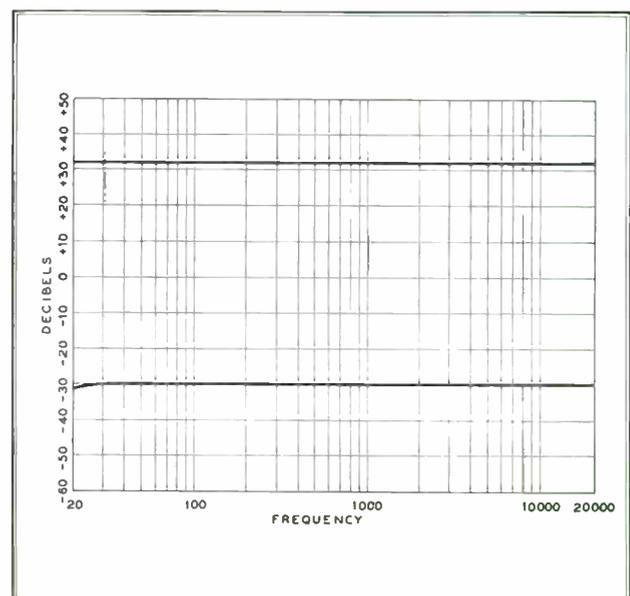


FIG. 11. FREQUENCY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AMPLIFIER

lower front of the cabinet has an opening of 90 sq. ins. This port maintains radiation down to 55 cycles.

2. The medium-size cabinet, Fig. 6, is 30 by 25 by 18 ins., with a volume of 6 cu. ft. Its port area is 60 sq. in. and it radiates down to 60 cycles.

3. The corner, or wall mounted cabinet, is triangular in shape, as shown in Fig. 7. It is intended for small studios where it is desirable to hang the speaker in a corner or on the wall. Its volume is $5\frac{1}{2}$ cu. ft. and the port is adjusted to radiate down to 65 cycles.

A smaller cabinet, having a volume of 4 cu. ft. with a port area of 50 sq. in., will be efficient down to 70 cycles. Since the duplex loudspeaker resonates in free air at 40 cycles, it follows that the speaker

so that no appreciable amount of cabinet vibration is permitted. Eliminating vibration of the cabinet walls or supports prevents dissipation of acoustic energy in friction, with its resultant decrease in the effective output. Rock wool pads, 1 in. thick, are placed on at least three of the sides to reduce slap or hang-over effects within the cabinet. Because the cabinet is subjected to vibration of large amplitude at low frequencies, it is not advisable to mount the amplifier in the cabinet with the speaker, since feedback may be generated.

Upon first hearing the duplex speaker, the listener may feel that more bass response is required. However, after more careful observation it will usually be agreed that true bass response is actually

high degree of external damping for the speaker. By this method, the counter EMF generated by the speaker was high and the diaphragm had less tendency to "free-wheel" than when driven from a matched impedance.¹

An analogy can be made to a meter movement. If the meter is terminated in a load which has a low resistance compared to the meter resistance, the meter movement will not overshoot on pulses but will be over-damped in its action. However, if the meter is terminated in a resistance greater than its critical resistance, the meter will overshoot and oscillate before coming to a steady reading.

Since the duplex speaker has a very high efficiency, due to greater flux density and low resistance, a very high internal

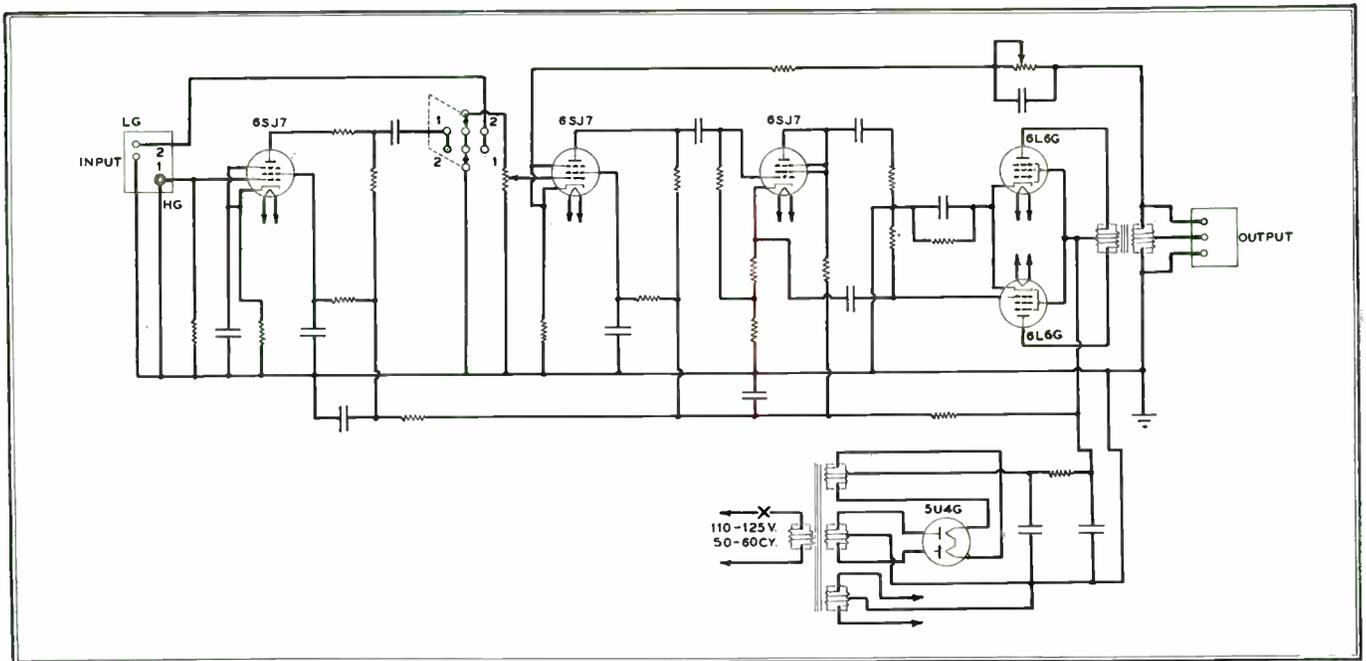


FIG. 10. SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF THE AMPLIFIER DESIGNED TO DRIVE THE DUPLEX TYPE LOUDSPEAKER

will not produce a peak in any of the cabinets described. It should not be assumed that response in any of these cabinets is uniform down to the cut-off frequency. Actually, the response will be down at least 10 db. However, appreciable radiation can be obtained at fundamental frequencies down to the speaker resonant frequency.

It should be realized that there is no substitute for adequate cabinet size when good low-frequency performance is required. Accordingly large cabinets or enclosures having a volume of 8 to 10 cu. ft. are desirable for good performance down to 50 cycles. A wall can be used as an infinite baffle with good results if a minimum volume of 8 to 10 cu. ft. is provided at the rear. The large cabinet shown in Fig. 5 has a duplex speaker mounted in the top portion, with the port below. This is done so that high frequencies can be radiated directly, without having low obstacles blocking their path.

The internal bracing of the cabinets provides the equivalent of $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. plywood,

being heard. This is due to the lack of cabinet and speaker resonance which, by generating harmonics, gives a false bass response.

Input Requirements ★ Where the source of input to the loudspeaker has distortion, as in the case of phonograph records, poor transcriptions, or over-modulated transmitters, it is advisable to provide a low pass filter ahead of the loudspeaker. Several taps should be included for adjustment in the 6,000 to 10,000 cycle area. By proper adjustment, input distortion can be made less objectionable than with unlimited response.

The amplifier output impedance determines to a great extent the amount and quality of bass response obtained from a loudspeaker. Heretofore, because of the low internal damping in loudspeakers, it has been necessary and customary to adjust the amplifier impedance much lower than the normal impedance of the loudspeaker. This mismatch of impedances was used purposely to provide a

damping is provided. This results in a very constant impedance over a wide frequency range. For this reason the duplex loudspeaker can be operated from an amplifier having an output impedance equal to that of the loudspeaker without the free-wheeling effect mentioned above.

The A-323 Amplifier ★ The extremely wide frequency range of the duplex speaker makes necessary the use of an amplifier of very high quality, in order to give the best sound reproduction. In the past there has been a very decided preference for low-impedance output triodes, rather than beam power tubes, to operate loudspeakers. Apparently this preference was justified in a great many cases. However, the beam power tube has the advantages of high efficiency, greater power sensitivity, and its indirect heater gives less hum. Tests were made to determine how the beam power tube could be utilized

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¹ Elements of Acoustical Engineering, Olson, pages 140-141.

ANALYSIS OF METROPOLITAN FM ALLOCATIONS

Showing Both Channel Assignments for Each City, and the Cities Sharing Each Channel from 92.1 to 103.9 Mc. — Channel-Frequency Chart Appears on the Last Page

METROPOLITAN FM CHANNELS ASSIGNED TO U. S. CITIES

ALABAMA

Pop. 2,833,000
Sq. Mi. 51,279

Anniston 280
Inc. Gadsden 269, 271
Bessemer see Birmingham
Birmingham 226, 228, 230, 232, 234
Inc. Bessemer 234
Deratur 251
Dothan 267, 269
Gadsden 221, 223
Huntsville 249
Mobile 231, 250, 271, 273
Montgomery 258, 260, 263
Muscle Shoals 244, 246
Opelika 277
see Columbus, Ga.
Selma 224, 223
Sylacauga 275
see Talladega
Talladega 275
see Sylacauga
Tusculoosa 254, 256
TOTAL 26 stations

ARIZONA

Pop. 499,000
Sq. Mi. 113,810

Globe 221, 223
Lowell 229, 231
Phoenix 215, 247, 249, 251, 253
Prescott 225, 227
Safford 233, 235
Tucson 237, 239, 241, 243
Yuma 238, 240
TOTAL 19 stations

ARKANSAS

Pop. 1,949,000
Sq. Mi. 52,525

Blythesville 249, 251
see Jonesboro
El Dorado 277, 279
Fort Smith 267, 269
Helena 241, 243
Hot Springs and Hot Springs N.P. 271, 273, 275
Jonesboro 268, 270
see Blythesville
Little Rock 257, 259, 261, 263, 265
Pine Bluff 221
Silvan Springs 245, 247
TOTAL 21 stations

CALIFORNIA

Pop. 6,907,000
Sq. Mi. 155,652

Bakersfield 264, 266, 268
Chico 226, 228
El Centro 232, 234
Eureka 230, 232
Fresno 270, 272, 274, 276, 278
Los Angeles Metropolitan Dist. 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261
Marysville 222, 224

MERCED

230, 232
Modesto 257
Monterey 261
Palm Springs 269, 271
Redding 232, 234, 236
Riverside 273, 275
Sacramento 271, 273, 275, 277, 279
Salinas 280
San Bernardino 277, 279
San Diego 222, 224, 226, 228, 230
San Francisco — Oakland Metropolitan Dist. 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
San Jose 263, 265
San Luis Obispo 222, 224
Santa Barbara 274, 276, 278
Santa Maria 234, 236
Santa Rosa 258, 260
Stockton 267, 269
Visalia 238, 240
Tulare 242, 244
Watsonville 259
TOTAL 96 stations

COLORADO

Pop. 1,123,000
Sq. Mi. 103,658

Alamosa 222, 224
Colorado Springs 265, 267, 269, 271
Denver 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263
Durango 222, 228
Grand Junction 230, 232
Greeley 276, 278
La Junta 233, 235
Pueblo 273, 275, 277, 279
Sterling 272, 274
TOTAL 30 stations

CONNECTICUT

Pop. 1,709,000
Sq. Mi. 4,820

Bridgport 265, 267, 269
Inc. Danbury 270, 272, 274, 279
Moultree 262, 264
Rome 265, 267
Savannah 253, 255, 257, 259
Thomasville 249, 251
Toccoa 249
Valdosta 236, 238
Waycross 232, 234
West Point 248
TOTAL 49 stations

DELAWARE

Pop. 267,000
Sq. Mi. 1,965

Wilmington 264, 266, 268
Inc. Bridgeton, N. J. 273
TOTAL 3 stations

DIST. OF COLUMBIA

Pop. 663,000
Sq. Mi. 62

Washington 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271
TOTAL 12 stations

FLORIDA

Pop. 1,897,000
Sq. Mi. 54,861

Daytona Beach 233, 235
Fort Myers 233, 235
Fort Lauderdale 229, 231
Gainesville 267, 269
Jacksonville 240, 242, 244, 246, 248
Key West 225, 227
Lakeland 237, 239
Miami — Miami Beach 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248
Ocala 250, 252
Orlando 258, 260, 262
Palm Beach 250, 252
Panama City 275, 278
Pensacola 225, 227, 229
St. Augustine 226, 228
St. Petersburg 221, 223, 225
Sarasota 241, 243
Tallahassee 271, 273
Tampa 227, 229, 231
West Palm Beach 254, 256
TOTAL 49 stations

GEORGIA

Pop. 3,124,000
Sq. Mi. 58,725

Albany 226, 228, 230
Athens 261, 263
Atlanta 251, 253, 255, 257, 259
Augusta 233, 235, 237
Brunswick 221, 223
Cedartown 269, 271
Inc. Dalton 242, 244, 246
see Opelika, Ala.
Cordele 254, 256
Dalton see Cedartown and Rome
Dublin 266, 268
Gainesville 276
Griffin 222, 224
LaGrange 238, 240
Macon 270, 272, 274, 279
Moultrie 262, 264
Rome 265, 267
Savannah 253, 255, 257, 259
Thomasville 249, 251
Toccoa 249
Valdosta 236, 238
Waycross 232, 234
West Point 248
TOTAL 49 stations

IDAHO

Pop. 525,000
Sq. Mi. 83,354

Holse 271, 273, 275
Idaho Falls 268, 270
Lewiston 257, 259
Nanipa 267, 269
Pocatello 277, 279
Twin Falls 239, 241, 243

Wallace 268, 270
TOTAL 16 stations

ILLINOIS

Pop. 7,897,000
Sq. Mi. 56,043

Aurora 275, 277
Inc. Joliet 230, 232
Bloomington 230, 232
Caro 243
Carbondale 263, 265, 267, 269, 273
Carthage 256, 258, 260
Champaign see Urbana
Chicago 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261
Decatur 254, 256
East St. Louis see St. Louis, Mo.
Elgin see Chicago
Evanston see Chicago
Freeport 271
Galesburg 234, 236
Harrisburg 256, 257
Herrin 259, 261
Jacksonville 278, 280
Joliet see Aurora
Kankakee 243
Mt. Vernon 265
Peoria 222, 224, 226, 228
Quincy 249, 251
Rockford 273
Rock Island 264
see Davenport, Ia.
Springfield 267, 269, 276
Tuscola 250, 252
Urbana 258, 260, 262
Inc. Champaign 251
Waukegan 251
TOTAL 55 stations

INDIANA

Pop. 3,428,000
Sq. Mi. 36,045

Anderson see Indianapolis
Columbus 237
Connersville 273
Elkhart 276, 278
Evansville 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234
Inc. Henderson and Owensboro, Ky. 236, 238, 240
Hammond 263, 265
Indianapolis 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235
Inc. Anderson 266, 268, 270
Kokomo 268, 270
Lafayette 272, 274
Marion 254
Muncie 277, 279
Richmond 275
Shelbyville 221
South Bend 267, 269
Terre Haute 242, 244
Vincennes 271, 273
West Lafayette 246
TOTAL 39 stations

KANSAS

Pop. 1,801,000
Sq. Mi. 81,774

Atchison 264, 266
Coffeyville 276, 278
Dodge City 221, 223
Emporia 269, 271
Garden City 225, 227
Great Bend 258, 260
Hutchinson 237, 239
Kansas City see Kansas City, Mo.
Lawrence 277, 279
Manhattan 222, 224
Pittsburg 238, 240
Salina 258, 260
Topeka 273, 275
Wichita 241, 243, 246, 249, 251
TOTAL 29 stations

KENTUCKY

Pop. 2,846,000
Sq. Mi. 40,181

Ashland see Huntington, W. Va.
Bowling Green 242, 244
Harlan 240, 248
Henderson see Evansville, Ind.
Hopkinsville 250, 252
Lexington 272, 274
Louisville 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270
Owensboro see Evansville, Ind.
Paducah 245, 247
Winchester 276, 278
TOTAL 19 stations

LOUISIANA

Pop. 2,364,000
Sq. Mi. 45,409

Alexandria 261, 263, 265
Baton Rouge 241, 243, 245
Lafayette 247, 249
Lake Charles 277, 279
Monroe 254, 256, 258
New Orleans 224, 226, 228, 233, 235, 237, 239

Ames 237
Boone 233, 235
Hurlington 257
Cedar Rapids 241, 243
Clinton 279
Davenport 266, 268
see Rock Island, Ill.
Decorah 225, 227
Des Moines 263, 265, 267, 269, 273
Dubuque 256, 258, 260
Fort Dodge 253, 255
Iowa City 245, 247
Marshalltown 230, 239
Mason City 257, 259
Ottumwa 274, 277
Shenandoah 238, 240, 242
Sioux City 274, 276, 278
Spencer 241, 243
Waterloo 249, 251
TOTAL 39 stations

MAINE

Pop. 847,000
Sq. Mi. 29,895

Augusta 226, 228, 230
Bangor 232, 234, 236, 238
Lewiston 222, 224
Portland 261, 263, 265
Presque Isle 240, 242
TOTAL 14 stations

MARYLAND

Pop. 1,821,000
Sq. Mi. 9,941

Baltimore 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 273, 275, 277, 279
Cumberland 256, 262
Frederick 251
Hagerstown Community channel
Olney Community channel
Salisbury Community channel
TOTAL 12 stations

MASSACHUSETTS

Pop. 4,317,000
Sq. Mi. 8,039

Boston 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 264, 266
Inc. Waltham 222, 224
Fall River 243, 245, 247
Inc. New Bedford 264, 266
Fitchburg Community channel
Greenfield Community channel
Haverhill 241
Holyoke 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248
Inc. Springfield 252, 254
Lawrence 239
Lowell 237
New Bedford see Fall River
North Adams 268
Pittsfield 280
Salem Community channel
Springfield see Holyoke
Waltham see Boston
West Yarmouth Community channel
Worcester 260, 262, 274, 276
TOTAL 28 stations

MICHIGAN

Pop. 5,256,000
Sq. Mi. 57,480

Ann Arbor 277, 279
Battle Creek 271, 273
Inc. Kalamazoo 266, 268, 270
Owensboro see Evansville, Ind.
Paducah 245, 247
Benton Harbor 272, 274
Cadillac 222
Calumet 242, 244
Dearborn Community channel
Detroit 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247
Inc. Pontiac, Royal Oak and Wyandotte 258, 260, 262
Inc. Lansing 254, 256, 258
Plymouth 264, 266, 268, 270
Inc. Lapeer 277, 279

Shreveport 244, 246, 248, 250, 252
TOTAL 25 stations

MINNESOTA

Pop. 2,792,000
Sq. Mi. 80,858

Albert Lea 261
Duluth 222, 224, 226
Inc. Superior, Wis. 228, 230
Fergus Falls 221, 223
Hibbing 232, 234
Mankato 222, 224
Minneapolis 244, 246, 248, 250, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279
Inc. St. Paul 252, 254
Moorhead 257, 259
see Fargo, N. D.
Northfield 238, 240
Rochester 254, 256
St. Cloud 252, 254
St. Paul see Minneapolis
Virginia 228, 230
Wilmart 227, 229
Winona 229, 231
TOTAL 36 stations

MISSISSIPPI

Pop. 2,184,000
Sq. Mi. 46,362

Clarkdale 245, 247
Columbus 232, 239
Corinth 264, 266
Greenville 236, 238
Greenwood 253, 255
Gulfport 253, 255
Hattiesburg 257, 259
Jackson 262, 264, 266, 268, 270
Laurel 242, 244
McComb 276, 278
Macon 272, 274
Meridian 246, 248
Natchez 272, 274
Tupelo 277, 279
Vicksburg 225, 227
TOTAL 33 stations

MISSOURI

Pop. 3,785,000
Sq. Mi. 68,727

Cape Girardeau 239, 241, 243
see Cairo, Ill.
Clinton see St. Louis

Columbia 244, 246
 Hannibal 240, 242
 Jefferson City 264, 266
 Joplin 272, 274
 Kansas City 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262
 Inc. Kansas City, Kan.
 Poplar Bluff 276, 278
 St. Joseph 234, 236
 St. Louis 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239
 Inc. Clayton
 Sedalia 268, 270
 Springfield 224, 226, 228, 230, 232
 TOTAL 39 stations

MONTANA
 Pop. 559,000
 Sq. Mi. 146,131

Billings 239, 241
 Bozeman 243, 245
 Butte 248, 250
 Great Falls 256, 258
 Helena 252, 254
 Kalispell 260, 262
 Miles City 235, 237
 Missoula 264, 266
 Sidney 230, 232
 TOTAL 18 stations

NEBRASKA
 Pop. 1,316,000
 Sq. Mi. 76,808

Fremont 280
 see Omaha
 Grand Island 263, 265
 Hastings 233, 235
 Kearney 226, 228
 Lincoln 245, 247, 249, 251
 Norfolk 254, 256
 North Platte 222, 224
 Omaha 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 271
 see Fremont
 Scottsbluff 234, 236
 TOTAL 24 stations

NEVADA
 Pop. 110,000
 Sq. Mi. 109,821

Boulder City 255, 257
 Las Vegas 259, 261, 263
 Reno 259, 261, 263
 TOTAL 8 stations

NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Pop. 491,000
 Sq. Mi. 9,031

Claremont 271
 Keene Community channel
 Laconia 259
 Manchester 269, 279
 Mount Washington 251, 253, 255, 257
 Portsmouth 249
 TOTAL 9 stations

NEW JERSEY
 Pop. 4,160,000
 Sq. Mi. 7,514

Alpine see New York
 Asbury Park Community channel
 Atlantic City Community channel
 Bridgeton see Wilmington, Del.
 Camden see Philadelphia
 Ewing Township see Trenton
 Jersey City see New York
 Newark see New York
 New Brunswick Community channel
 Paterson see New York
 Trenton 270, 272, 278
 Inc. Ewing Township,

Zarephath Community channel
 TOTAL 3 stations

NEW MEXICO
 Pop. 532,000
 Sq. Mi. 122,503

Albuquerque 245, 247, 249, 251
 Carlsbad 221, 223
 Clovis 227, 239
 Gallup 238, 240
 Hobbs 246, 248
 Las Vegas 224, 226
 Roswell 233, 235
 Santa Fe 258, 260
 Tucuman 226, 228
 TOTAL 20 stations

NEW YORK
 Pop. 13,479,000
 Sq. Mi. 47,654

Albany 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 250, 264, 266, 272
 Inc. Schenectady and Troy
 Auburn see Syracuse
 Batavia 241, 243
 Binghamton 242, 244
 Brooklyn see New York
 Buffalo 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239
 Inc. Niagara Falls
 Coram see New York or possibly Conn. channels
 Corning 236
 see Elmira
 Dunkirk 277, 279
 Elmira 238
 see Corning
 Freeport Community channel
 Gloversville 245
 Hornell 269
 Ithaca 258, 267
 Jamaica Community channel
 Jamestown 268, 270
 Kingston Community channel
 Massena 262, 228
 Middletown Community channel
 Mt. Vernon see New York
 Newburgh Community channel
 New York 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259
 Inc. numerous adjacent cities
 Niagara Falls see Buffalo
 Ogdensburg 260, 262
 Olean 222, 274
 Oswego 270
 Plattsburg 222, 224
 Poughkeepsie Community channel
 Rochester 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257
 Saranac Lake 237, 239
 Schenectady see Albany
 Syracuse 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234
 Inc. Auburn
 Troy Community channel
 Utica 250, 252, 254
 Watertown 256, 265
 West New Brighton see New York
 White Plains see New York
 Woodside see New York
 TOTAL 85 stations

NORTH CAROLINA
 Pop. 3,572,000
 Sq. Mi. 48,740

Asheville 232, 234, 236
 Burlington 267
 Charlotte 264, 266, 273, 275
 see Gastonia

Concord 222
 see Salisbury
 Durham 257
 Elizabeth City 236, 238
 Fayetteville 248
 Gastonia 270
 see Charlotte
 Goldsboro 259
 Greensboro 251, 253, 255
 see High Point and Winston-Salem
 Greenville 241, 243
 Henderson 265
 Hickory 258
 High Point 249, 278
 see Greensboro and Winston-Salem
 Kinston 225, 227
 see New Bern
 New Bern 238, 240
 Jacksonville 252, 254
 Raleigh 235, 237, 239
 Roanoke Rapids 272, 274
 see Rocky Mount
 Rocky Mount 277, 279
 Salisbury see Roanoke Rapids
 Salisbury 260
 Washington 269
 Wilmington 221, 223
 Wilson 231, 233, 235, 261
 Winston-Salem 241, 243, 245, 247
 see Greensboro and High Point
 TOTAL 45 stations

OKLAHOMA
 Pop. 2,336,000
 Sq. Mi. 69,414

Ada 271, 273
 Ardmore 246
 Bartlesville 223
 Elk City 238, 240
 Enid 268, 270
 Lawton 275, 277
 Muskogee 231, 225
 Norman see Oklahoma City
 Oklahoma City 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265
 Inc. Ponca City and Norman
 Okmulgee 250, 280
 Ponca City see Oklahoma City
 or Tulsa
 Shawnee 242, 244
 Tulsa 227, 229, 231, 233, 235
 TOTAL 28 stations

NORTH DAKOTA
 Pop. 642,000
 Sq. Mi. 70,183

Bismarck 222, 224, 226, 228
 Inc. Mandan
 Devil's Lake 231, 233
 Fargo 261, 263
 see Moorhead, Minn.
 Grand Forks 236, 238, 240, 242
 Jamestown 245, 247
 Mandan see Bismarck
 Minot 249, 251
 Valley City 268, 270
 TOTAL 18 stations

OHIO
 Pop. 6,908,000
 Sq. Mi. 40,740

Akron 236, 238, 240
 Inc. Tallmadge
 Alliance 242, 244, 246
 Inc. Canton
 Ashland 238
 see Vancouver, Wash.
 Ashtabula see Erie, Pa.
 Athens 275
 Canton see Alliance
 Cincinnati 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
 Inc. Hamilton
 Cleveland 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234
 Inc. Lorain
 Columbus 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235
 Dayton 257, 259, 261, 263, 265
 Inc. Springfield
 Dover Community channel
 East Liverpool Community channel
 Findlay 269
 Foster Community channel
 Fremont see Toledo
 Hamilton see Cincinnati
 Lima Community channel
 Lorain see Cleveland
 Mansfield 276, 278
 Marion 272, 274
 Newark 268, 270
 Inc. Zanesville
 Portsmouth see Huntington, W. Va.

Springfield see Dayton
 Steubenville see Wheeling, W. Va.
 Tallmadge see Akron
 Toledo 249, 251, 253, 255
 Inc. Fremont
 Warren 269, 271
 also Sharon, Pa.
 Wooster 248, 250
 Youngstown see Sharon, Pa.
 Zanesville see Newark
 TOTAL 53 stations

OREGON
 Pop. 1,090,000
 Sq. Mi. 95,607

Albany 253, 255
 Astoria 269, 280
 Baker 254, 256
 Bend 229, 224
 Coos Bay 263, 265
 Corvallis 257
 see Albany
 The Dalles 249, 251
 Eugene 259, 261
 Grants Pass 272, 274
 Klamath Falls 238, 240, 242
 LaGrande 226, 228
 Medford 276, 278
 Pendleton 230, 232
 Portland 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243
 see Vancouver, Wash.
 Roseburg 267, 269
 Salem 245, 247
 TOTAL 42 stations

PENNSYLVANIA
 Pop. 9,900,000
 Sq. Mi. 44,832

Allentown 234, 236, 238, 240
 Inc. Bethlehem and Easton
 Altoona 264, 266
 Beaver Falls see Pittsburgh
 Bethlehem see Allentown
 Bradford 246
 see Jamestown and Olean, N. Y.
 Butler see Pittsburgh
 Clearfield
 see DuBois
 DuBois 248, 250
 Inc. Clearfield
 Easton see Allentown
 Erie 259, 261, 263, 265
 Inc. Ashtabula, O.
 Glenside see Philadelphia
 Greensburg 237, 239
 Grove City Community channel
 Harrisburg 245, 247, 249, 270, 272, 278
 Hazelton Community channel

Indiana Community channel
 Johnstown 258, 260
 Lancaster 222, 224
 Lewisport 274, 276
 Meadville see Sharon
 New Castle see Sharon
 New Kensington see Pittsburgh
 Philadelphia 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 274, 276
 Inc. Glenside, Pa. and Camden, N. J.
 Pittsburgh 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235
 Inc. New Kensington
 Beaver Falls and Butler, Pa.
 Portville Community channel
 Reading 226, 228, 230, 232
 Scranton 261, 263, 265, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279
 Inc. Wilkes-Barre
 Sharon 253, 255, 257, 273, 275
 Inc. Warren and Youngstown, O., and Meadville and New Castle
 State College 252, 254
 Sunbury 257, 259
 Uniontown 241, 243
 Washington 277, 279
 Wilkes-Barre see Scranton
 Williamsport 221, 223
 York 235, 237, 239, 241, 243
 TOTAL 83 stations

RHODE ISLAND
 Pop. 713,000
 Sq. Mi. 1,067

Pawtucket see Providence
 Providence 254, 256, 258, 270, 272, 278
 TOTAL 6 stations

SOUTH CAROLINA
 Pop. 1,900,000
 Sq. Mi. 30,495

Anderson 278, 280
 Charleston 222, 224, 226
 Columbia 250, 252, 254, 256
 see Sumter
 Conway 231
 Florence 268
 Greenville 225, 227, 229
 see Spartanburg
 Greenwood 240, 242
 Rock Hill 231, 233
 Spartanburg 221, 223
 see Greenville
 Sumter 277, 279
 see Columbia
 TOTAL 21 stations

SOUTH DAKOTA
 Pop. 643,000
 Sq. Mi. 76,868

Aberdeen 253, 255
 Pierre 277, 279
 Rapid City 221, 223, 225, 227
 Sioux Falls 262, 264, 266, 268
 Vermillion 258, 260
 Watertown 237, 239
 Yankton 270, 272
 TOTAL 18 stations

TENNESSEE
 Pop. 2,916,000
 Sq. Mi. 41,687

Bristol 269, 271, 277, 279
 Inc. Johnson City and Kingsport
 Chattanooga 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243
 Inc. Cleveland
 Clarksville Community channel
 Chattanooga 254, 256
 Cleveland see Chattanooga
 Cookeville 263

Jackson 234, 236
 Johnson City see Bristol
 Kingsport see Bristol
 Knoxville 222, 224, 226, 228, 230
 Memphis 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232
 Nashville 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 261
 TOTAL 32 stations

TEXAS
 Pop. 6,415,000
 Sq. Mi. 262,398

Ablene 245, 247
 Amarillo 267, 269, 271
 Austin 238, 246, 248
 Beaumont 271, 273, 275
 Big Spring 242, 244
 Brady 227, 229
 Brownsville 221, 223, 225, 233, 235
 Inc. Harlingen and McAllen and Weslaco
 Brownwood 258, 260
 Collee Station 279, 286
 Norfolk 241, 243, 245, 247, 249
 Corsicana 254, 256
 Dallas 226, 228, 230, 232, 235, 247
 El Paso 225, 227
 Fort Worth 239, 241, 243, 262, 279
 Galveston 267, 269
 Harlingen see Brownsville
 Houston 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 262
 Huntsville 229, 231
 Kilgore 272, 274, 276, 278
 Inc. Longview and Tyler
 Laredo 227, 229
 Longview see Kilgore
 Lubbock 226, 228
 Lufkin 221, 225
 Midland 273, 275
 Meadville see Brownsville
 Palestine 264, 266
 Pampa 232, 234
 Pecos 258, 260
 Port Arthur 277, 279
 Plainview 262, 264
 Port Arthur 223, 227
 San Angelo 231, 233
 San Antonio 261, 263, 265, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276
 Sherman 268, 270
 Sweetwater 253, 255
 Temple 250, 252
 Texarkana 223, 226, 242
 Tyler 280
 see Kilgore
 Vernon 222, 224
 Victoria 278, 280
 Waco 222, 224
 Waxahatchee see Dallas and Fort Worth
 Weslaco see Brownsville
 Wichita Falls 249, 251
 TOTAL 107 stations

UTAH
 Pop. 550,000
 Sq. Mi. 82,184

Cedar City 221, 223
 Logan 272, 275
 Ogden 265, 267
 Price 277, 279
 Provo 269, 271
 Salt Lake City 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263
 TOTAL 20 stations

VERMONT
 Pop. 359,000
 Sq. Mi. 9,124

Burlington 230, 232
 Rutland 245
 St. Albans 234, 241
 Waterbury 246, 248
 TOTAL 7 stations

VIRGINIA
 Pop. 2,678,000
 Sq. Mi. 40,262

Alexandria see Washington, D. C.
 Charlottesville 276, 278
 Inc. Staunton
 Covington 236, 238
 Danville 221, 223
 Fredericksburg see Washington, D. C.
 Harrisonburg 232, 234
 Lynchburg 268, 270
 Martinsville 231, 233
 Newport News 222, 224
 see Norfolk, Suffolk and Portsmouth
 Norfolk 226, 228
 see Newport News, Portsmouth and Suffolk
 Petersburg 258, 260
 Portsmouth 230, 232
 see Newport News, Norfolk and Suffolk
 Richmond 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256
 Roanoke 225, 227, 229
 Staunton see Charlottesville
 Suffolk see Newport News, Norfolk and Portsmouth
 Winchester Community channel
 TOTAL 31 stations

WASHINGTON
 Pop. 1,736,000
 Sq. Mi. 66,836

Aberdeen 264, 266
 Bellingham 276, 278
 Centralia 260, 262
 Everett 272, 274
 Longview 273, 275
 Olympia 256, 258
 Port Angeles 268, 270
 Pullman 238, 240
 Pasco 242, 244
 Seattle 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283
 Spokane 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231
 Tacoma 248, 248, 250, 252, 254
 Vancouver 271
 see Portland, Ore.
 Walla Walla 234, 236
 Wenatchee 267, 269
 Yakima 265, 277, 279
 TOTAL 49 stations

WEST VIRGINIA
 Pop. 1,902,000
 Sq. Mi. 24,022

Bekley 264, 266
 Bluefield 250, 252, 254
 Inc. Welch
 Charleston 222, 224, 226, 228, 230
 Clarksburg 245, 247, 249, 251, 253
 Inc. Fairmont and Morgantown
 Huntington 258, 260, 262
 Inc. Ashland, Ky.
 Logan 232, 234
 Morgantown see Clarksburg
 Parkersburg 273
 Welch see Bluefield

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Chapter 9—Designs for Antennas to Operate at 30 to 44, 72 to 76 and 152 to 162 Mc.

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THE antennas described herein are not presented as being radically new or theoretically superior. Rather, an attempt is made to catalogue and explain the action of certain types of antennas which have proved successful in actual service, and are known to operate at high efficiency. Further, the presentation is planned in such a form as to be understandable to those with a limited knowledge of mathematics.

All too frequently, those who control the appropriation of funds for communications systems are inclined to discount the important function performed by the radio transmitting or receiving antenna. However, the efficiency of an antenna can mean the difference between the ability or failure of a radio system to span a point-to-point distance, or to provide the required coverage over a given area.

Many antenna designs are much easier to construct on paper than to put into actual practice. This may be due to difficulty in matching impedances, to the necessity for much-too-critical adjustments, or because the construction is mechanically unwieldy and will not withstand the elements.

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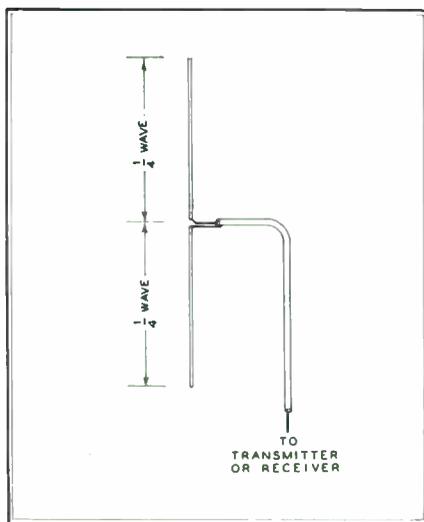


FIG. 1. SIMPLE VERTICAL HALF-WAVE DIPOLE

services require antennas or arrays that will provide high electrical efficiency and the required radiation pattern. At the same time, they must be simple, easy to match and adjust, and of mechanical construction that will withstand corrosion.

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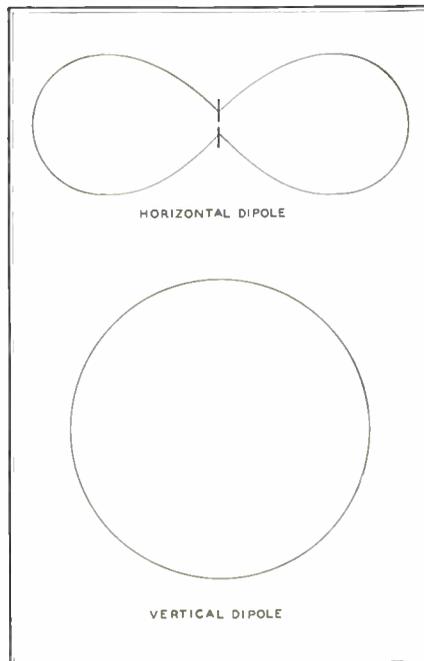


FIG. 2. RADIATION PATTERNS OF VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL DIPOLE ANTENNAS

icing conditions, and high winds. An antenna that will not meet these specifications is unsuited for day-in and day-out use, regardless of how well it performs on paper.

Antennas for Circular Coverage * Where a fixed station is required to transmit to mobile units or to many scattered fixed points, the vertical half-wave dipole, Fig. 1, might be considered the most desirable antenna because of its simplicity. It is, however, difficult to mount. Since it is fed at its center point, the transmission line must be led away horizontally for at least a wave-length before descending to the transmitter, because the proximity of the line to the lower quarter-wave element would interfere with its characteristics as a dipole. Otherwise, it would not be a dipole, for it could not be considered to be operating in free space.

Horizontal half-wave dipoles can be used only in special cases, since they are bi-directional in the horizontal plane. Typical radiation patterns in the horizontal plane for vertical and horizontal dipoles are shown in Fig. 2.

Another point to be considered is the choice between vertical and horizontal polarization of the radiated waves. Tests have shown that horizontal polarization provides better propagation characteristics than vertical polarization over most

types of terrain. However, the requirement that mobile antennas be vertical, plus the fact that simple vertically polarized antennas are non-directional, dictates the choice of vertical polarization when communication with mobile units is involved.

If the lower half of a vertical half-wave dipole could simply be eliminated, there would remain nothing more than a quarter-wave whip antenna such as is used on mobile units. The difficulty here is that whereas the whip on a mobile unit has the body of the vehicle to work against as an RF ground or counterpoise, that condition does not prevail at the top of a fixed transmitting tower. The whip would then act as if it were floating, as far as an RF ground is concerned, and would not provide proper termination for the transmission line.

This can be overcome to a limited degree if some kind of counterpoise system of horizontal whips is used, as shown in Fig. 3. This antenna is popularly referred to as the "Whirling Joe" or ground-plane antenna.

A still better approach to the problem of mounting a half-wave vertical dipole would be to lead the transmission line, or coaxial cable, up inside the center of the

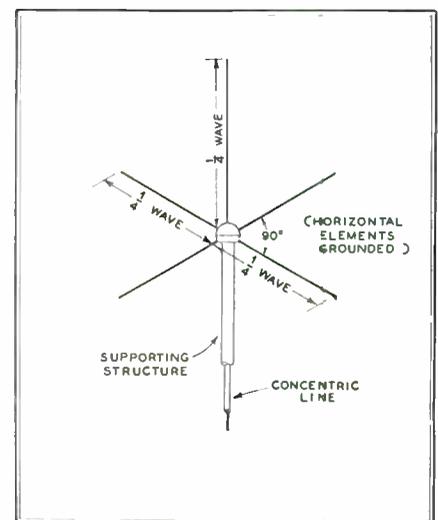


FIG. 3. THE GROUND-PLANE ANTENNA

lower half of the dipole. This is accomplished in the form of the half-wave coaxial or concentric antenna. Here the upper half of the dipole is called the whip, and the lower half is called the skirt. Reference to Fig. 4 shows that all elements have a common vertical axis, hence, the name "coaxial antenna." The support

tube contains the transmission line, and is electrically common with the outer conductor of the line, both being at ground potential. The inner conductor of the coaxial line feeds the whip, which is insulated from the upper end of the support tube. The skirt, while directly connected to the top of the support, is insulated from it below this point by insulating rings which also keep it concentric with the support.

A coaxial antenna can be shunt-fed also. Then the whip is common electrically with

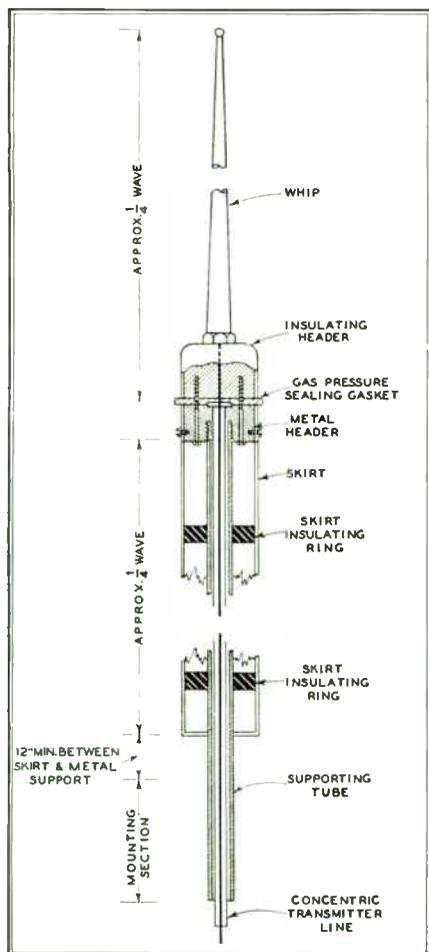


FIG. 4. SERIES-FED COAXIAL ANTENNA. THIS IS THE TYPE NOW MOST WIDELY USED

the support tube. Here the skirt is also grounded at its upper end as in the case of the series-fed coaxial antenna. To feed the antenna, it is necessary to take the center conductor of the transmission line through the support tube and connect it to the skirt at an impedance-matching point some distance down from its upper end, as in Fig. 5. Numerous reports from radio men in the field attest to the fact that the correct location of this impedance point is rather difficult to determine, and that further adjustments may be required after installation to obtain maximum output.

About the only advantage that can be claimed for this arrangement is that the highest element, the whip, as well as the skirt, are at ground potential with respect to DC. It must be admitted that this fact

provides a certain protection in case of a lightning strike.

Experience with several thousand series-fed coaxial antennas shows that lightning usually caused no structural damage to the antenna, but in the case of a heavy stroke, the coaxial transmission line suffers an arc-over or puncture within 6 or 8 ft. of the antenna header. Reports from the field show that the same thing occurs with shunt-fed coaxials, as would be expected. Our records show only three or four series-fed coaxial antennas that have sustained structural damage to the whip or the insulating header assembly. In these cases, the available evidence has led to the assumption that the antennas were subjected to particularly heavy and direct lightning discharges. With either series-fed or shunt-fed antennas, the usual damage is to the line alone, necessitating its replacement.

Thus it would seem that any advantage of the shunt-fed coaxial over the series-fed, as far as lightning is concerned, is more theoretical than practical.

It is felt, therefore, that the series-fed coaxial antenna, as shown in Fig. 4, provides the ideal antenna for a fixed location for this type of service and coverage. It is a relatively simple structure, and can be built strongly of lightweight aluminum alloys. Such an antenna, cut for an operating frequency of 30 mc., weighs less than 10 lbs., including the support tube.

The vertical radiation pattern of a coaxial half-wave dipole antenna is shown in Fig. 11. It should be noted that this pattern is produced in all horizontal directions and can be compared to a doughnut flattened on the bottom and resting on a table, with a toothpick, representing the antenna, in the center of the hole.

The most critical portion of a coaxial antenna is the length of the skirt. If it is not cut correctly for the operating frequency, the performance of the antenna may be impaired seriously. However, this exact length can be computed readily. Then the skirt length can be cut with the knowledge that the antenna will perform at peak efficiency, and will require no further adjustments after installation.

On a typical coaxial antenna fabricated of aluminum, it has been found that with 50- or 52-ohm transmission line, the proper active or effective skirt length is slightly under 98% of an electrical quarter-wave at the operating frequency. The effective skirt length is that distance measured from the bottom of the metallic skirt-supporting header to the bottom of the skirt tube. Stated another way, it is the length of the air column enclosed between the skirt and the support tube. This is made clear in Fig. 4.

The reason for accurate skirt length adjustment stems from the fact that the skirt, in conjunction with the whip, provides the proper termination for the transmission line. In order for an antenna to radiate most efficiently, it must be capable

of utilizing, as radiation, the maximum amount of the power delivered to it by the transmission line. This occurs when the impedance of the antenna, at its feed point, is equal to the characteristic or surge impedance of the transmission line. If the skirt length is not the proper value, the impedance presented by the antenna is not the characteristic impedance of the line. Consequently, some energy is not utilized by the antenna as radiation, but is reflected back down the line.

The skirt performs two important func-

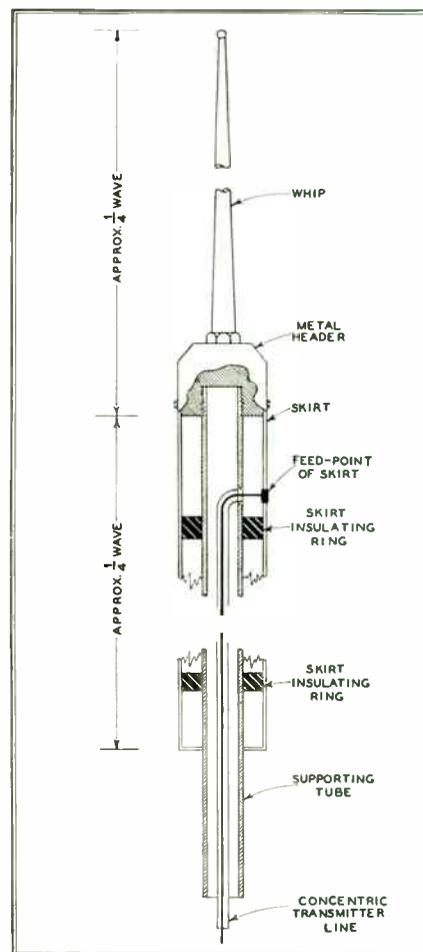


FIG. 5. SHUNT-FED TYPE OF COAXIAL, VERTICALLY POLARIZED ANTENNA

tions. The first is as a resonating stub to keep standing waves off the outside of the transmission line or the antenna support. This would destroy the desirable low-angle radiation pattern of the coaxial antenna as a half-wave dipole. In this manner, the skirt acts with the support tube as a metallic "insulator" to choke out the electrical continuity of the support pipe and antenna. Second, it is part of the half-wave dipole and, as such, must be a correct percentage of a quarter-wave. From the standpoint of its second function, the length of the skirt is less critical but, as a resonating stub, it is necessary to hold its length to a close tolerance.

Fig. 6 shows what is meant by standing waves on a line, and also how voltage and current are distributed along the antenna elements. This illustration also shows the

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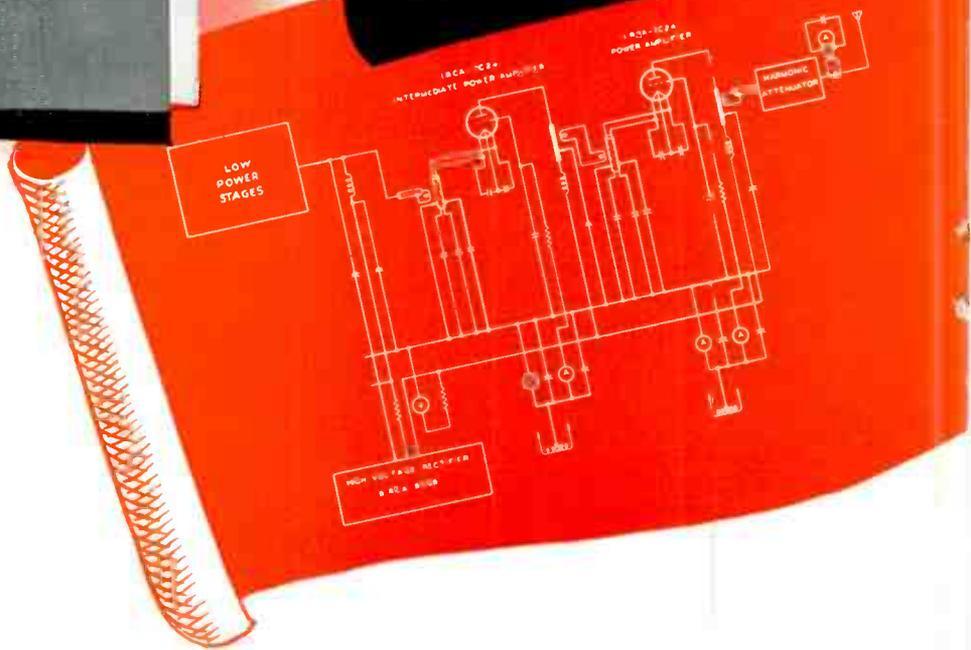
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In addition, it has the usual advantages of any turnstile antenna: an inherently circular field pattern, low wind resistance, and simple, inexpensive, single-pole mounting.

The antenna, because of its relatively high gain and extended band width, is also ideal for television. Naturally, since it is of the turnstile type, both sound and picture transmitters can be fed into the same antenna.



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effects of mismatched antenna elements.

In determining the correct values for the lengths of antenna sections, or elements, the presence of standing waves can be detected and their magnitude measured by means of a series of small holes drilled in the outer conductor of the transmission line. The probe of a vacuum tube voltmeter can be inserted and voltage readings taken along the line over at least a quarter-wavelength. A perfect line, perfectly terminated, would show the same voltage along its entire length, indicating that no standing waves were present. Then there would be no reflected energy and no power loss in the line other than that due to normal attenuation. In practice, it is possible to hold the ratio of maximum to minimum standing-wave voltage to a value of 1.1 with the series-fed coaxial antenna as described previously. This represents a power loss, due to reflections, of less than 1%. A relatively slight increase or decrease in skirt length from the proper value has a marked effect on the standing wave ratio as shown in Fig. 7.

For the same typical aluminum coaxial antenna mentioned above, the length of the whip has been found to be about 95% of a quarter-wave. This value includes the whip proper and that portion contained within the insulating header. In other words, it is that length from the point where the center conductor of the coaxial line merges from its sheath to the upper end of the whip. The length is not critical, as Fig. 8 shows. While the length of the whip has a definite effect on the performance of the antenna, it can be seen that a variation from 92% to 98% of a quarter-wavelength has very little significant effect on the performance.

The values for skirt and whip lengths given above are for 52-ohm transmission line. If 72-ohm line is used, the skirt length

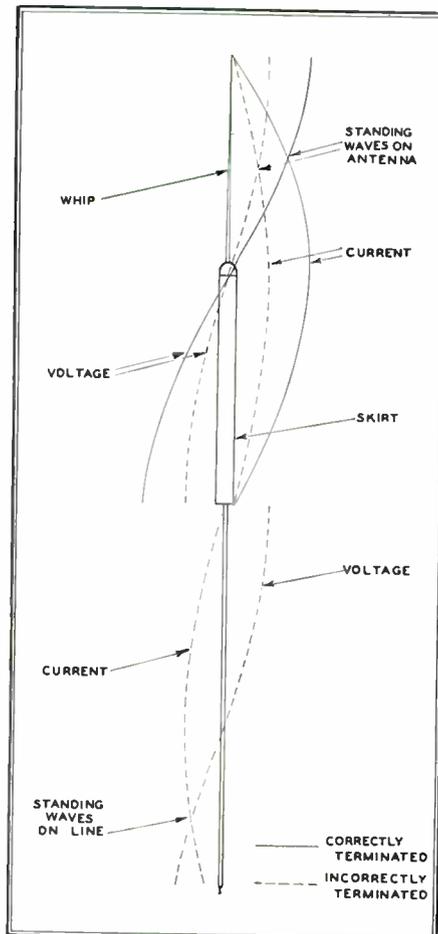


FIG. 6. EFFECTS OF CORRECT AND INCORRECT ANTENNA TERMINATIONS

should be almost 99% of a quarter-wave, and the whip, about 94% of a quarter-wave. For this typical antenna, as manufactured commercially, the values used are 98% of a quarter-wave for the skirt and 94% for the whip. The antenna can then be fed by 52- or 72-ohm coaxial transmission line, and the standing-wave ratio

in either case would not exceed 1.25, representing a power loss due to reflections of not over 3%.

Actually, the optimum lengths of the skirt and whip for any given coaxial antenna will depend upon the material from which the elements are fabricated, the type and number of insulating rings inside the skirt, end effects of the skirt, and the ratio of the diameters of the support tube and the skirt tubing.

Colinear Coaxial Antennas ★ An adaptation or extension of the coaxial antenna is known as the *colinear coaxial antenna*. Fig. 9 shows an exterior view of this antenna and the placement of the elements. In some variations of these antennas, the lower skirt element is not driven or fed any power. Parasitic excitation of this element is questionable, since the additional skirt is not within the main radiation pattern of the series-fed coaxial antenna located above it.

In comparison with a properly matched coaxial antenna, tests have shown that any gain in radiated signal strength was barely measurable, and so small as to be within the limits of observational error. Furthermore, with the length of this auxiliary skirt and its distance from the upper skirt at their optimum values, the antenna performed only as well as a simple, properly-matched coaxial antenna. But if the length of the auxiliary skirt, or its distance from the upper skirt, were varied from their optimum values, the colinear coaxial antenna performance dropped below that of a standard series-fed coaxial antenna.

Actually, colinear antennas are not by any means a new development. Fig. 10 shows a conventional colinear antenna. It should be noted that such an antenna can be constructed of wires or metal rods as

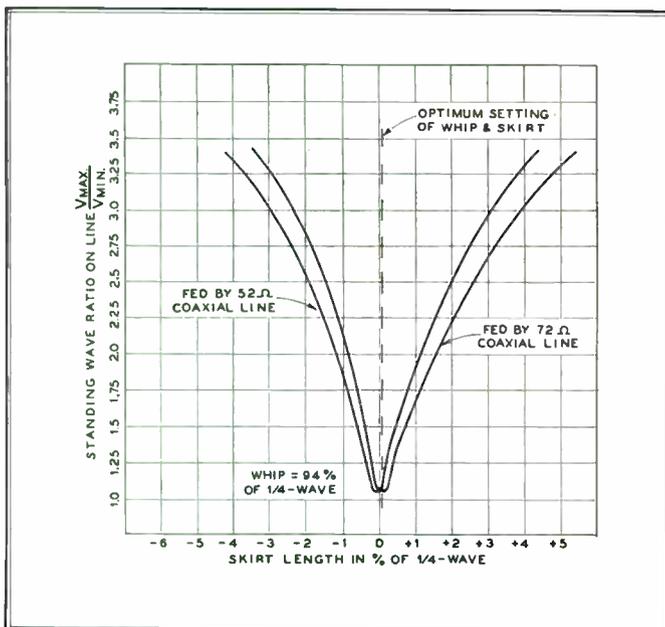


FIG. 7. EFFECT OF SKIRT LENGTH ON THE STANDING WAVE RATIO OF A SERIES-FED COAXIAL ANTENNA

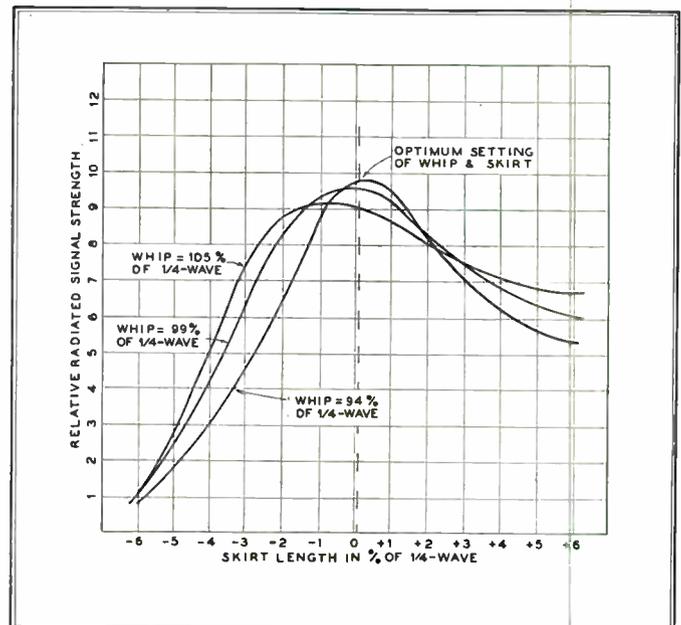


FIG. 8. EFFECT OF VARYING LENGTH OF WHIP FROM 92 TO 98 PER CENT OF ONE-QUARTER WAVE IS NOT CRITICAL

elements which are not necessarily coaxial. The theory behind this antenna array is sound, provided all elements are driven. The number of half-wave elements is not limited to two, and more can be used, up to practical limits.

Tests on a newly-designed series-fed

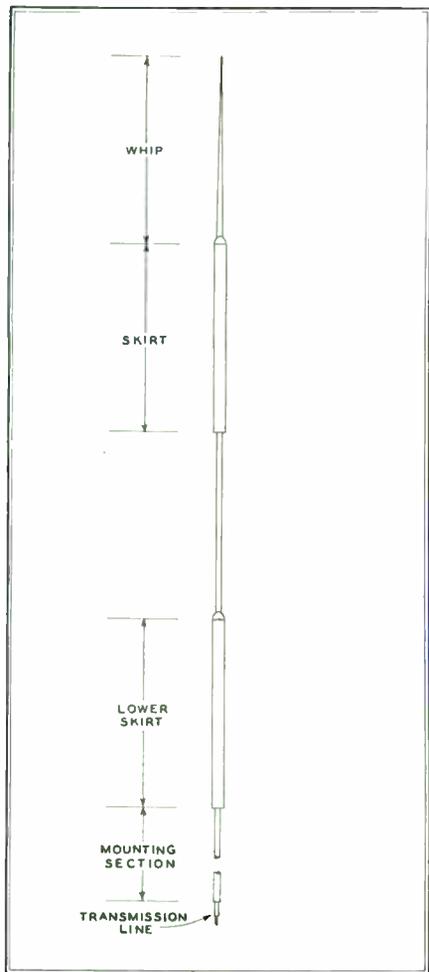


FIG. 9. NO POWER IS FED TO THE LOWER SKIRT OF THIS COLINEAR COAXIAL

colinear coaxial antenna, with all elements driven, indicate that a greatly improved signal can be radiated as compared with the standard series-fed coaxial. The design is extremely simple and workable for the 152- to 162-mc. band, and should prove highly advantageous.

As mentioned previously, a properly terminated coaxial antenna radiates almost 100% of the power delivered to it. The improvement in signal strength with a colinear coaxial, when all elements are driven, results from a lowered angle of radiation in the vertical plane and a compressed radiation pattern, as shown in Fig. 11. In any horizontal plane, the area included within the radiation pattern boundaries is an expression of the power radiated by the antenna in that plane. It is seen that if the vertical pattern is narrowed, the radial coverage is increased. This provides greater coverage for the same antenna input power.

In the 30- to 42-mc. band, the overall length of the colinear coaxial would be as much as 33 ft., excluding support tube.

This would be an unwieldy structure. However, in the 152- to 162-mc. band, the length drops to less than 8 ft., and makes possible a mechanically sound structure.

Directional Arrays ★ In order to utilize antenna input power most effectively for communication between two fixed points, a beamed signal is desirable. Power radiated to other points serves no useful purpose. Directional antenna arrays can be used to boost the signal in any direction desired. This means that adequate signal strength can be delivered at a distant point with less transmitter power than would be required with a non-directional antenna. Another advantage is that the signal is not broadcast into areas where it might interfere with other services using the same or adjacent channels.

One of the oldest forms of directive antennas is the rhombic or diamond type. It is capable of substantial gain but, unfortunately, requires considerable space. Fig. 12 shows a full rhombic antenna.

Either vertical or horizontal polarization can be used for point-to-point transmission. That is because, at fixed locations, the receiving array can be made to match the polarization of the transmitting antenna. Although horizontally polarized waves generally travel over most types of terrain with less attenuation than those vertically polarized, a more important consideration is the structural advantage offered by one method of polarization over the other.

While a rhombic antenna can be arranged either horizontally or vertically, a vertical half-rhombic or inverted V antenna, Fig. 13, usually presents the least mechanical problems. The angle of tilt, designated A, is so chosen that the main radiation lobes 1 and 2 are horizontal. Lobes 3 and 4 then cancel each other and lobes 1 and 2 reinforce each other. The terminating resistor is used to eliminate the back radiation indicated by dotted lines. With this resistance omitted, the array would be bidirectional, showing about

To realize the gain of which the rhombic is capable, L should be at least 3 times the wavelength. However, as L is increased, the gain increases but the beam becomes more narrow. In fact, at 6 times the wavelength, the beam is so highly concentrated that the orientation of the array for maxi-

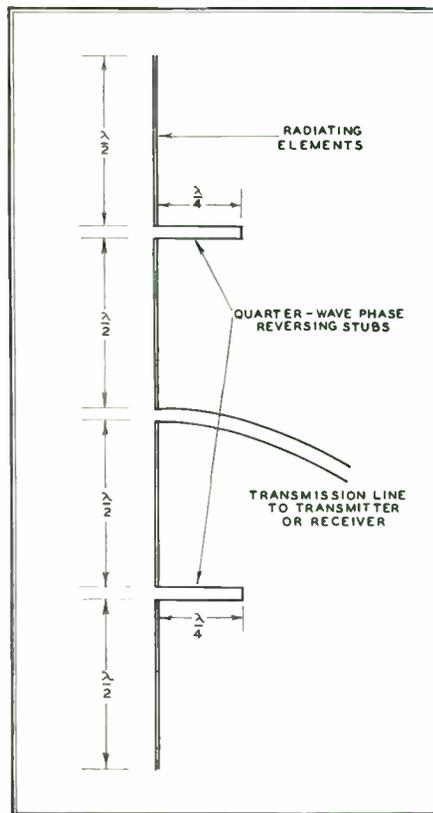


FIG. 10. SERIES-FED COLINEAR COAXIAL IS ADVANTAGEOUS AT 152 TO 162 MC.

imum signal at the receiving site becomes very critical, and must be done with great care. A gain of 8 to 10 db can be realized with a properly constructed rhombic having a leg length L equal to 6 wavelengths. This means a power gain of about 8 to 1 as compared to a standard half-wave dipole.

The trigonometric computation of the angles and sides of this array is beyond the

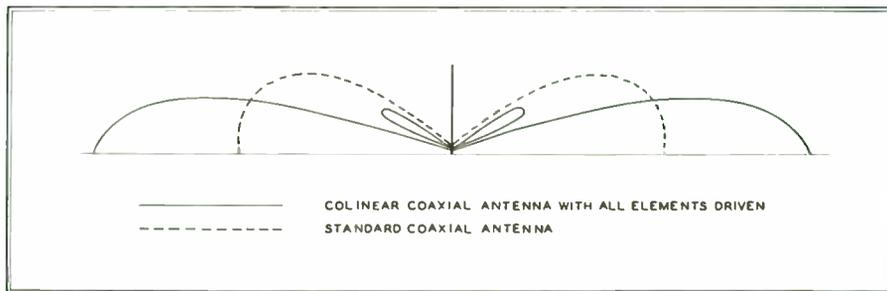


FIG. 11. LOWER ANGLE OF RADIATION GIVES COLINEAR COAXIAL GREATER RANGE

the same gain forward and backward. The angle of tilt may be adjusted by varying the height H or the length of the legs L.

The leg length is not critical, and can be 3 or more multiples of a wavelength at the operating frequency. While the antenna gain is increased with greater height, it is more dependent upon the leg length.

scope of this text. However, the following relations will produce rhombics that are efficient and will give very satisfactory performance.

Referring to Fig. 13, the proper tilt angle A is approximately 66° , and will be obtained if L is made 2.25 times the height H. Thus, if the operating frequency

is 30 mc., and available space permitted a leg length equal to 5 wavelengths, L can be found as follows:

$$L = \frac{300,000 \times 3.28}{30,000 \text{ kc.}} = 32.8 \text{ ft.} = L$$

$$5L = 5 \times 32.8 \text{ ft.} = 164.0 \text{ ft.}$$

$$H = \frac{164}{2.25} = 73 \text{ ft.}$$

At the same frequency, with legs equal to 3 wavelengths, $3L$ would equal 98 ft., and H equal 43.5 ft., figuring as above.

At 50 mc. with L equal to 5 wavelengths, H becomes 43½ ft. and at 3 wavelengths for L , H becomes only 26 feet. It is seen that, beyond about 50 mc., the value of H becomes so small that the effective height of the antenna is seriously cut down. This can be overcome at higher frequencies by going to a full rhombic antenna. As shown in Fig. 12, a single pole can be used to support this array without complicating the mechanical problems to any appreciable degree.

Here the distance B can be made 2 times H as computed above, and the same method used to figure the array. As a typical example, at 75 mc. with legs equal to 5 wavelengths:

$$L = \frac{300,000 \times 3.28}{75,000 \text{ kc.}} = 13.08 \text{ ft.} = L$$

$$5L = 5 \times 13.08 = 65.4 \text{ ft.}$$

$$B = 2H = 2 \times \frac{65.4}{2.25} = 58.2 \text{ ft.}$$

The full rhombic should be as high above the ground as possible, consistent with the space available for the end guys.

With the half-rhombic, it is necessary to employ a counterpoise system. This can be simply a wire on or just below the ground, directly under the antenna. One end is connected to the terminating resistor and the other end is connected to the second conductor of the transmission line. As an alternative, a section of metal screening or simply two wires, one at right angles to, and the other parallel with the antenna can be located on the ground under each end of the array. If the two crossed wires are used, they should be crossed at their mid-points. This point or the center of the screening should then be connected to the transmission line shield at one end of the antenna and to the terminating resistor at the other end of the antenna. If a full rhombic is used, no counterpoise is necessary.

With either the half or full rhombic the following considerations apply equally: The supporting mast must not be of metal. A wood pole, tubular plywood mast, or other non-metallic construction must be used. The mast can be guyed with wires, provided they are approximately at right angles to the direction of transmission. The terminating resistor should have a value of between 500 and 800 ohms. This is not critical. It should also be non-inductive, and must have a wattage rating ea-

pable of safely dissipating one-half of the transmitter output power, since its function is to eliminate the rear half of the radiation pattern.

Both rhombics exhibit the same characteristics of gain and directivity when used for receiving as well as for transmitting. The end guys used with the full rhombic, Fig. 12, can be metal without affecting the radiation pattern.

The input impedance of either the half- or full-rhombic at its feed point is about 600 ohms. If fed by a low impedance coaxial line, a serious mismatch would result. This can be overcome by the use of an impedance matching transformer, Fig. 14. It is properly adjusted when the loading of the transmitter is unaffected by sub-

In the majority of cases, these arrays can be so designed as to lend themselves readily to mounting on towers or pipe masts. They should be all metal for durability, preferably designed for single-point mounting, and should be self-supporting with no external braces.

Returning to Fig. 15, it is seen that the central portion is a half-wave dipole. It is usually fed by a coaxial transmission line with one quarter-wave element insulated from the central support and fed by the inner conductor of the line. The other quarter-wave element is grounded to the outer shield of the line and to the supporting structure. Minus the directors and reflectors, it has a radiation pattern as shown in Fig. 2.

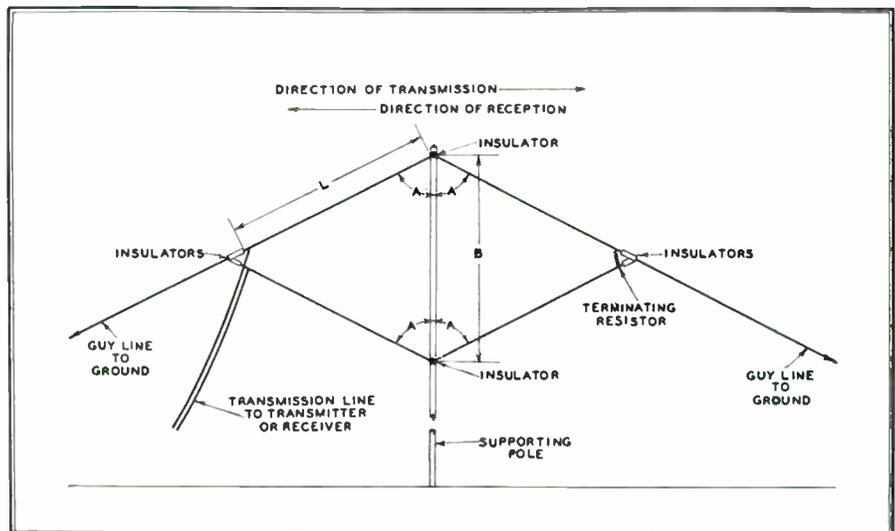


FIG. 12. FULL RHOMBIC IS FOR HIGHLY DIRECTIONAL TRANSMISSION OR RECEPTION

stituting for the rhombic antenna and impedance-matching transformer a dummy antenna having a resistance equal to the surge impedance of the transmission line. At this adjustment, the antenna current in either leg will also be at maximum.

If, in the case of a full rhombic antenna, it is desired to locate the impedance transformer at or near the ground, an open-wire 600-ohm line can be run from this point to the input end of the antenna. Such a line consists of two lengths of No. 12 wire, as might be used in the antenna, spaced 6 ins. apart by means of waxed wood, Lucite, or porcelain spreaders located every 2 ft. or so along the length of the line.

Parasitic Directive Arrays ★ Where space is not available for a rhombic antenna, or where a compact array is desired, a half-wave dipole with parasitic directors and reflectors can be used. Fig. 15 shows a horizontal dipole array.

These arrays present something of a structural problem in the 30- to 44-mc. band. Fortunately, while arrays for those frequencies have been built and are giving satisfactory service, most emergency service point-to-point work will be done on 72 to 76 and 152 to 162 mc.

When tuned elements such as the directors and reflectors are added, they are located directly in the radiation field of the driven dipole. The metal support arms for these elements have no effect on the radiation pattern either with or without the director and reflector. The supports, directors, and reflectors are all grounded to the hub assembly and to the mast structure, and are therefore at DC ground potential. A horizontal radiation pattern of such an array is shown in Fig. 16.

The function of the directors and reflectors is to absorb RF energy from the field of the driven dipole and to re-radiate it. By varying the lengths of these elements, or by varying their distance from the driven dipole, the re-radiated energy can be caused to reinforce the signal in the desired direction, and cancel it in the opposite direction.

Referring to Fig. 15, it is seen that the reflector is located slightly less than ¼-wavelength to the rear, and that the director is slightly less than ¼-wavelength ahead of the driven dipole.

Since both are directly in the path of the waves emanating from the driven dipole, each wave cuts across these elements. In doing so, a voltage is induced in the element which is opposite in phase to the in-

ducing voltage. Due to this voltage, the re-radiated wave from the director contains up to about 85% of the energy radiated to it by the driven dipole.

Considering the reflector only, the idea is to time this re-radiated wave so that, when it returns to the driven dipole, it is exactly in phase with the next wave being radiated by the driven dipole. Since the induced voltage in the reflector is 180° out of phase with the inducing field at the reflector, it is seen that about 90° in time are used for travelling to the reflector, 180° in time are added due to the reversal of phase at the reflector, and about another 90° are used in travelling from the reflector to the driven dipole. Thus the re-radiated energy from the reflector has undergone a 360°

ing directivity, but the addition of a director will provide additional gain in the desired direction by causing the beam to become narrower in the horizontal plane. More than one director can be used, each spaced about a quarter-wave ahead of the other. When one reflector and two directors are used, the result is the familiar Yagi array.

In the case of the director, a leading component of current must be introduced in order to preserve the phasing of the radiated and re-radiated fields, and to provide maximum reinforcement in the desired direction. This is accomplished by making the director elements less than a quarter-wavelength long. This causes them to have capacitive reactance.

the impedance presented to the transmission line will remain close to the value presented by a single half-wave center-fed dipole. This value will be in the neighborhood of 70 ohms.

It is possible to construct this same array with as little as 0.1- to 0.15-wave spacing between the driven dipole and the director and reflector. It will be found that the impedance presented by the array to the transmission line will have dropped to less than 20 ohms, which becomes a serious impedance mismatch. If the array were to be fed by commercial 50- or 70-ohm concentric cable, the loss due to mismatch and consequent standing waves on the line might more than offset any possible gain attributed to the array.

The array shown in Fig. 15 provides a beam having horizontal polarization. A typical horizontal radiation pattern for such an array is given in Fig. 16.

If the array were rotated 90°, using the parasitic support arms as an axis, it would then radiate a vertically polarized wave. Such an array is readily built about a coaxial antenna such as shown in Fig. 4. In fact, quite a number of these arrays are in use and give highly satisfactory performance. A vertical array based on a central coaxial antenna is shown in Fig. 17. It will be seen that the parasitic support arms are carried by a hub which is fitted around the metal skirt-supporting header of the coaxial antenna.

The gain and front-to-back ratio of this array compares very closely with that of the horizontal array shown in Fig. 16.

Typical figures for the vertical coaxial array are presented in terms of percent of a quarter-wavelength as follows: Whip length, 94%; skirt length, 98%; spacing from coaxial antenna to director and to reflector, 100%; reflector elements, 103%; director elements, 84%.

Both the vertical and horizontal arrays described must have the various lengths and spacings of the elements accurately fixed for optimum performance, but from another standpoint they allow a surprising amount of latitude. A certain amount of droop or sag in the support arms can be tolerated without serious effect on their performance of the array. Also, in both arrays, the director, reflector and driven dipole should all be parallel to the same plane. Yet, misalignment, so that the elements are crisscrossed when viewed in the direction of transmission, up to almost as much as 30°, has little practical effect on the characteristics of the radiated pattern. While such conditions are not desirable, the fact is brought out that these arrays are not as critical as many suppose them to be.

Corner Reflector Antennas ★ Corner reflectors can be used to direct the radiation from either a vertical or horizontal dipole, as shown in Fig. 18. While this type of antenna is mechanically more complicated than those previously discussed, it is a

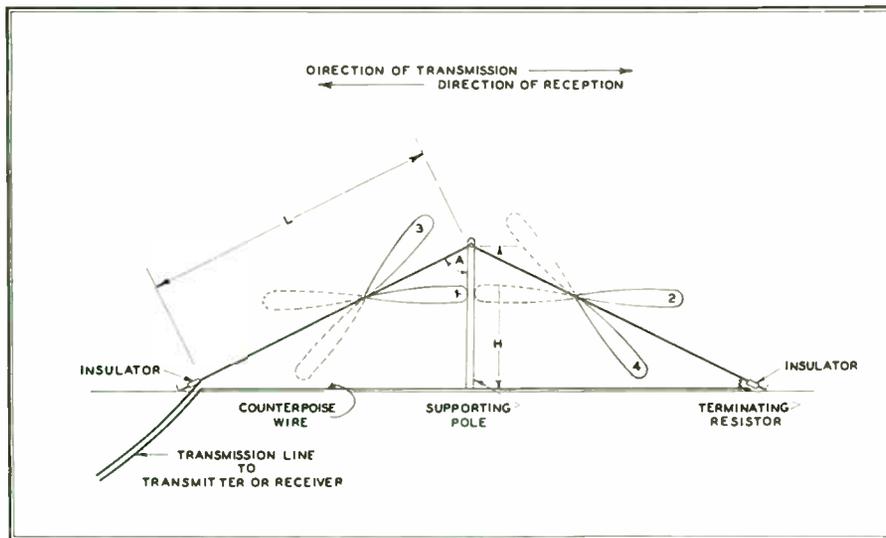


FIG. 13. THE HALF-RHOMBIC IS PREFERRED WHERE AVAILABLE SPACE IS LIMITED

change of phase by the time it returns to the driven dipole. Thus, it is in phase with the next wave radiated from the driven dipole. The net result is that two waves are involved, so timed in space that they tend to cancel at the reflector and become additive at the driven dipole. Therefore, the circular pattern of the dipole alone is altered, and is built up in the direction from the reflector toward the driven dipole, and reduced in the opposite direction.

Since the spacing between the parasitic elements and the driven dipole is slightly less than ¼ wavelength, it becomes necessary to produce a lag at the reflector in order to obtain the 360° phase relationship of the two fields. This can be accomplished with reflector elements slightly longer than an electrical quarter-wave. This makes the reflector look inductive, and introduces a lagging component of current in the element. By adjusting the length of the reflector element, an optimum value is obtained where the phasing of the radiated and re-radiated fields provides the maximum front-to-back ratio. This is the ratio of the radiated energy in the desired direction to the energy radiated in the opposite direction.

In an array as illustrated in Fig. 15, the reflector does most of the work of provid-

While each added parasitic element increases the power gain in the desired direction, each one also takes away from the mechanical strength of the structure. Here again the choice must be reckoned in terms of power gain versus increased windage and ice loading on the structure. The array shown in Fig. 15 is capable of a 2.5 to 1 power gain and a front-to-back ratio of better than 4.5 to 1. This will be found adequate for most installations. Under conditions where more gain is necessary, additional parasitic elements may be required. In that case, more can be accomplished by additional directors located in the area of intensified field strength than by added reflectors in the area where the field strength has been purposely reduced.

While the following figures will be affected slightly by the type of construction, typical values for the lengths of horizontal dipole elements in terms of percent of a quarter-wave, are: Insulated driven dipole element, 95.5%; grounded dipole element, 95.5%; parasitic reflector and director spacing from driven dipole, 89%; reflector elements, 96%; director elements, 88%.

In an array consisting of a driven dipole with 1 director and 1 reflector with quarter-wave spacing, it should be noted that

relatively compact array. The central dipole is the only driven member, the other elements being used in place of two metallic sheets to form a corner reflector. Theoretically, each side of the angle should consist of a sheet of metal, which would simply be the ultimate case of having elements so numerous that they touched each other. Practically, if the spacing of the elements forming the sides is not over $\frac{1}{10}$ -wave, the performance of the array would not differ appreciably from that obtained with metal sheets.

The characteristics of the array can be altered in two ways. As the angle between the sides of a vertically polarized array is decreased, the beam becomes narrower, mostly in the horizontal plane, but to a certain extent in the vertical plane also. For a horizontal array, the narrowing effect on the beam as the corner angle is reduced is more pronounced in the vertical plane, although the pattern in the horizontal plane is also narrowed, but to a lesser degree.

Referring to Fig. 18, the half-wave dipole is always located on a line bisecting the corner angle. The distance A, out from the corner to the point where the dipole is

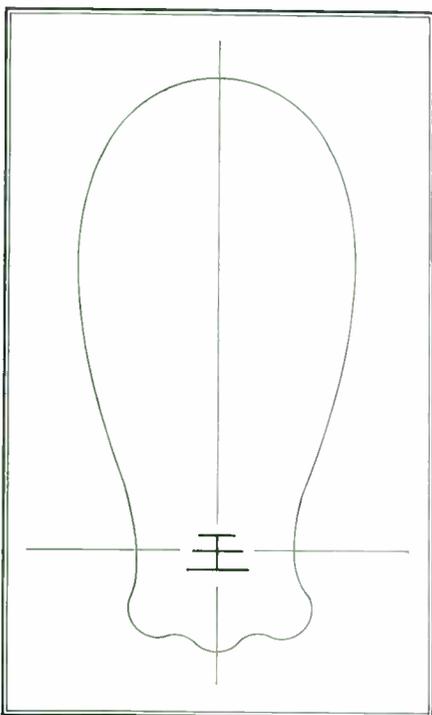


FIG. 16. RADIATION PATTERN OF THE HORIZONTAL REFLECTOR-DIRECTOR

located, controls the impedance of the array. The angle between the two sides can be varied between 45° and 180° . At 180° the result is a dipole located in front of a flat reflecting surface, which produces a very broad pattern forward. For any one angle however, there is a definite value for A which will produce a desired impedance. For 52-ohm transmission line, the antenna impedance will match the line at the following angles and values for A. For a 180° angle, A would be equal to 0.16 wavelength. At 90° , A becomes 0.3 wave-

length and at 60° , A becomes 0.45 wavelength. For smaller angles, the impedance of the array becomes more difficult to match regardless of how much A is increased. Smaller angles also produce a pattern that is broken up into multiple lobes and shows a decrease in gain.

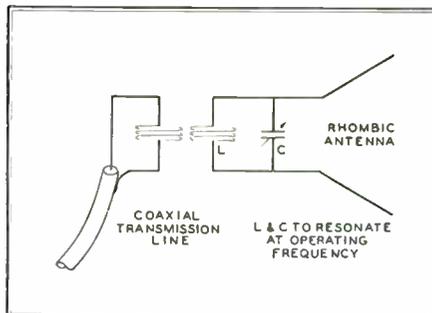


FIG. 14. SIMPLE MATCHING TRANSFORMER

To match a 72-ohm transmission line, the foregoing figures should be altered as follows. For angles of 180° , 90° and 60° , the values for A become 0.21, 0.35 and 0.5 wavelength respectively.

At any of the usual angles given above, smaller values for A decrease the impedance of the array, and larger values increase the impedance.

The value of H, the length of the elements forming the sides of the angle, is not critical but should be held to a value not less than the overall length of the driven dipole. As a matter of fact, the elements forming the sides of the angle are not parasitic elements in the usual sense, since they are not tuned. They should be made long enough so that they appear to have unlimited length as far as their effect on the array is concerned.

The length L of the sides of the corner reflector is not critical as long as they are not less than 3 or 4 times the value of A, Fig. 18. The sides can be carried out farther than this minimum value, but the slight improvement in pattern is not worth the increased size of the array and the attendant mechanical problems introduced thereby.

Corner reflector antennas, while admittedly more cumbersome, are capable of greater gain than the simpler parasitic arrays. Properly designed corner reflectors can be expected to give a power gain of 10 to 13 db as compared to a single half-wave dipole. This means radiation in the desired direction of 10 to 20 times greater than that afforded by a simple dipole.

Referring to Fig. 18, it should be noted that the corner reflector antenna can be mounted vertically or horizontally. When mounted vertically, the driven dipole can be used to good advantage as a coaxial antenna. When a vertical half-wave dipole is used instead of the vertical coaxial, the transmission line should be led horizontally from the center of the driven dipole to the vertex of the corner reflector before it drops vertically to the transmitter or receiver.

Mobile Antennas ★ As mentioned earlier, vertical antennas are particularly adapted to mobile installations. A quarter-wave whip is most frequently used. The method of installation on the vehicle is important. A prime consideration is the use of maximum height relative to the vehicle. This is limited by the overhead clearances encountered in the area where the vehicles are required to operate.

The ideal location on a passenger car would be the center of the roof. In this position, the radiation pattern is most nearly non-directional. If such an installation is made in a station-wagon or on a truck body where the roof is made of wood, it is necessary to sheath the under side of the roof with light copper sheet or copper screening, securely bonded to the chassis at several points. This then becomes a ground plane immediately below the whip antenna, such as would be provided by the metal roof of a passenger car.

Usually, to provide overhead clearance, the antenna must be mounted toward the rear of the car, somewhere near the rear mudguard. In this position, the radiated pattern is no longer non-directional. With

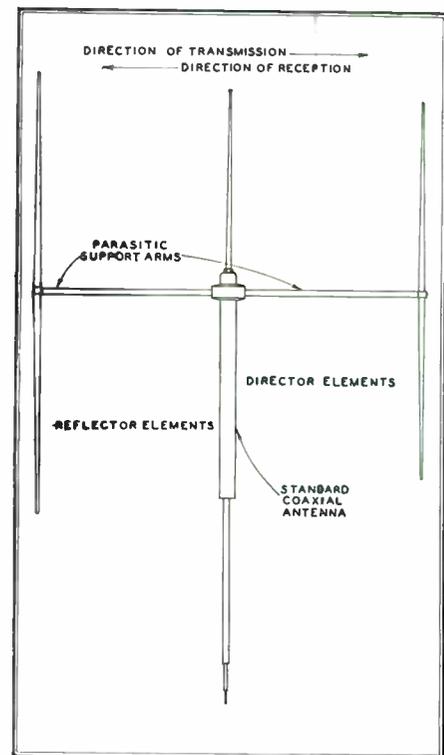


FIG. 17. REFLECTOR AND DIRECTOR ADDED TO A COAXIAL TYPE ANTENNA

a 30-mc. whip in the rear and at the left side of the car, it will be found that in most cases the greatest radiation and best reception will occur in a direction toward the right front corner of the car.

In the 72- to 76-mc. and 152- to 162-mc. bands, the center of the roof is the most logical location for the whip. At these frequencies the length of a quarter-wave whip is about 37 ins. and 18 ins. respectively, presenting no overhead clearance problem.

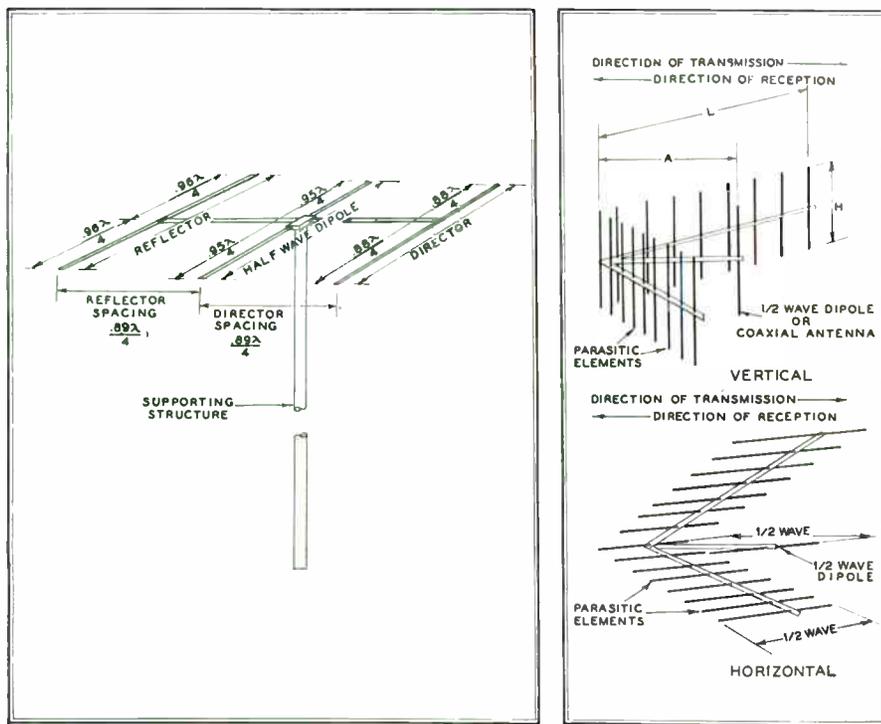


FIG. 15, LEFT: A HORIZONTALLY POLARIZED DIPOLE AND DIRECTIVE ARRAY. FIG. 18, RIGHT: VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL TYPES OF CORNER REFLECTOR ANTENNAS

Mechanical Considerations ★ Obviously, all ferrous materials, unless heavily plated, should be ruled out for use in the construction of antenna arrays because of rust. Brass is easy to fabricate, withstands corrosion, and can be sweated for maximum electrical contact. Unfortunately, brass is a relatively heavy metal, and imposes a correspondingly heavier load on the array and on the supporting structure. Aluminum and its alloys are ideal because of their light weight. However, these materials are subject to corrosion from salt water and some acids. If this condition is

encountered in the locality where an aluminum antenna or array is contemplated, certain precautions must be taken.

Aluminum corrosion is largely self-inhibiting. That is, as corrosion attacks the aluminum surface, a scale or oxide is formed which progressively halts further corrosion. This is true on an unbroken surface, but does not hold true where tubular or other joints occur. Here, in severe cases, moisture finds its way into the joint and freezes the connection. This, together with the corrosion, expands the outer member of the joint and eventually weakens it,

causing poor electrical contact.

This can be overcome by using a vinylite sleeving or tape wrapped tightly over the joint, or by the application of some of the so-called stripping plastics used so successfully during the war to protect metal parts in ocean shipment. Where conditions necessitate this treatment, it is still worth the effort to take advantage of the lightweight, high-strength aluminum alloys.

The dead weight of the antenna or array is not the only factor to be considered. When high winds deflect an antenna, the moving mass of the system produces inertia effects that are proportional to the mass. Since windage increases with the exposed area of the elements, it is advantageous to keep the cross-section of the elements low. If the required strength can be realized in a given cross-section, it is wise to select the material that will give this strength with a minimum of weight.

Another important consideration is ice loading. In sections where this condition is likely to occur with some severity, it will be wise to decide on a vertical rather than horizontal antenna. This might not be the best choice from a radiation standpoint, but mechanically it would mean that heavily iced vertical members or elements would be subjected to compression or tension loads which are much more readily carried than the bending loads imposed by the same weight of ice on horizontal elements.

In every case, antennas for the emergency services should represent the best compromise between electrical efficiency and mechanical sturdiness. Above all, they must be dependable, since radio communication is of greatest value at times when weather conditions have put other means out of commission.

HIGHWAY RADIOPHONE SERVICE

OFFICIALS of the Bell Telephone System have announced plans for extensive service trials on mobile radiotelephone service along three inter-city highway routes, totalling nearly 1,000 miles. The routes are those between Chicago and St. Louis, via Ottawa, Peoria and Springfield, Ill.; between New York, Albany and Buffalo; and between New York and Boston.

When these services are established, it will be possible for suitably-equipped vehicles on highways along these routes, or boat on adjacent waterways, to make and receive calls to or from any telephone connected to lines of the Bell System. Transmitting and receiving stations required to provide the two-way voice communication will be located along the routes.

The Illinois Bell Telephone Company has already filed applications for authorization to establish the first stations along the Chicago-St. Louis route. It is expected that application for the other routes will

be made soon. Initial operation of the new service will start within a few months after construction permits are granted. This interval is required to permit erection of transmitter-receiver stations and to equip vehicles with radiotelephone sets.

Highway mobile radiotelephone service, which will make it almost as easy to telephone to or from a moving vehicle on the road as between any two regular telephones, will be handled in the following manner:

Calls will be handled by mobile service telephone operators. Conversations will travel part of the way by telephone wire and part by radio. If a caller in Chicago wants to talk to the occupant of a certain automobile somewhere between Chicago and St. Louis, he will first reach Long Distance, ask for the mobile service operator, and give her the call number of the vehicle. She will route the call over telephone wires to one of the transmitting-receiving stations along the highway, from which a signal will be transmitted to the vehicle.

The car occupant will receive an audible and visual signal indicating that he is wanted. He then will pick up his dashboard telephone and answer. Under his fingers, as he holds the telephone handset, will be a push-and-talk button to switch from listening to talking.

The motorist or truck driver will be able to originate calls merely by picking up his telephone, listening to make sure the circuit is not in use, and pushing the "talk" button. This will signal the mobile service operator, and she will come in on the line. He will give her the telephone number he wants and the call will go through.

It is planned to make the trials under actual operating conditions. A number of companies, including truck lines, bus lines, long distance movers, utilities and other organizations have indicated a desire to participate in the test. Accordingly it is expected that several hundred vehicles will be equipped initially to send and receive messages on the three routes.

Plans for Bell System mobile radio-

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Part 1: MUNICIPAL & COUNTY EMERGENCY STATIONS

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MUNICIPAL POLICE

ALABAMA

WRBD	Anniston	WE	Mtr	31100 AM
WPFM	Birmingham	WE	Mtr	2382 AM
		Link	Mtr	30580 AM
		Mtr		30980 FM
WJZG	Decatur	Comp		2382 AM
WKAD	Dothan	Mtr		35900 FM
WKCH	Florence	GE		35500 FM
WQIG	Gadsden	Mtr		35900 FM
		Mtr		2382 AM
		RCA		30580 AM
WMHA	Huntsville	Mtr		35900 FM
WPGW	Mobile	WE		2382 AM
		Kaar	Mtr	30580 AM
WMPM	Montgomery	Coll		2382 AM
		Kaar		30580 AM
WDBZ	Northport	Mtr		35900 FM
WASD	Selma	WE		2382 AM
WBVS	Sylacauga	RCA		35900 AM
WQLH	Tuscaloosa	Mtr		35900 FM

ARIZONA

KRHS	Bisbee	Comp		2430 AM
		Mtr		35100 AM
KRQN	Casa Grande	SP		35100 AM
KFPX	Flagstaff	Mtr		35100 AM
KQOJ	Flagstaff (Co)	Temc		2430 AM
		Mtr		35100 AM
KRAC	Florence (Co)	SP		2430 AM
KRIZ	Mesa	Mtr		35100 AM
		Stne		2430 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
KGZJ	Phoenix	deF		2430 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
6XEE	Phoenix (Co)	Mtr		118550 FM
KQXU	Phoenix (Co)	Mtr		35100 AM
KNHG	Prescott	Mtr		35100 AM
KQHM	Prescott (Co)	Mtr		2430 AM
		Mtr		35100 AM
KQEX	Safford	Comp		2430 AM
KRJA	Safford	Hfr		2430 AM
		Mtr		35100 AM
KEYV	S. Tucson	Temc		35100 AM
KEYT	Tempe	Mtr		35100 AM
KQEP	Tucson	Comp		2430 AM
		PDL		31780 AM
KQPW	Tucson (Co)	Temc		2430 AM
		Mtr		35100 AM
		Kaar		31780 AM
6XEH	Winslow	Comp		117350 AM
KRDW	Winslow	Hfr		2430 AM
KADF	Yuma (Co)	HM		35100 AM
		Comp		2430 AM
		Mtr	SP	35100 AM

ARKANSAS

KSDC	Ark. City (Co)	Bass		2406 AM
		Kaar	Mtr	31500 AM
KPBA	Blytheville	Comp		2406 AM
		Stne		30580 AM
KPMA	" (Co)	Mtr		30580 AM
KSDD	Dumas (Co)	Bass		31500 AM
KRNQ	Fayetteville	Comp		2406 AM
		Comp		30580 AM
		Comp		2406 AM
KNHA	Fort Smith	Comp		2406 AM
KQEH	Hot Spgs (Co)	Comp		2406 AM
		RCA	Mtr	30580 AM
KQMC	" " Natl Pk	Kaar		2406 AM
KGZH	Little Rock	RCA		2406 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
KRGI	Little Rock (Co)	Mtr		31780 AM
		Mtr		31900 AM
KSDI	McGehee (Co)	Bass		31500 AM
KPDM	Monticello	Comp		2406 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
		Mtr		33500 AM
KRAE	N. Little Rock	Mtr		35100 AM
KQGT	Pine Bluff (Co)	Comp		2406 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
		RCA		30580 FM
KTAP	Texarkana	RCA		2406 AM
		Harv	Mtr	33220 AM

CALIFORNIA

KQBR	Alameda	Comp		30700 AM
		Kaar		35100 AM
KPDA	Alameda (Co)	Comp		1658 AM
		Kaar		35220 AM
KPDB	"	Comp		1658 AM
KRGE	"	Comp		1658 AM
KGWC	Albany	Mtr		37780 AM
KQAH	Alhambra	Mtr		31500 AM
		Mtr		31500 AM
KQCI	Anahelm	Comp		33780 AM
KQAP	Arcadia	Comp		33500 AM
XQXC	Atherton	Kaar		33780 AM
KIBR	Azusa	Mtr		31100 FM
KGFS	Bakersfield	Comp		30580 AM
KACS	Bakersfield (Co)	Wstr		2414 AM
		Mtr		31780 AM
KQLY	Banning	Comp		30580 AM
KQHL	Banning (Co)	Mtr		2442 AM
KQJH	Beaumont	Comp		30580 AM
KHPC	Bell	Mtr		35500 AM
KQSN	Benicia	Comp		2422 AM
		Link		30980 AM
KGPM	Berkeley	Comp		37780 AM
KGIH	"	Comp		37780 AM
KGNL	"	Comp		37780 AM
KSW	"	Comp		1658 AM
KQAI	Beverly Hills	Link		37780 AM
6XHV	Black Mtn	Link		117350 FM
KQAD	Blythe (Co)	Mtr		2442 AM
KHMP	Brawley	Comp		2490 AM
KADQ	Brea	Comp		2490 AM
		Comp		33500 AM
KQBE	Burbank	Comp		33780 AM
KQCM	Burlingame	Comp		33100 AM
		Comp		37220 AM

SPECIAL INFORMATION

1. So great has been the increase in emergency radio stations licensed during the past six months that state, zone, and interzone police, fire, forestry, and special emergency station listings will be published in Part 2 of this Directory, in our February issue.
2. Space limitations also made it necessary to omit the names of radio supervisors.
3. Correspondence should be addressed to Police Headquarters or, in the case of County stations, to County Sheriff's Office.
4. Listings are for fixed, portable, and portable-mobile transmitters, but portable and portable-mobile stations are not identified separately, except in rare cases, they use the same call as the associated fixed station.

KQFI	Carmel-by-the-Sea	PDL		33100 AM
		PDL		35220 AM
KQEO	Chico	RCA		31500 AM
KQKN	Chino	Comp		33220 AM
KQJG	Chula Vista	PDL, CE'Cr		33780 AM
		Comp		33780 AM
KQRY	Claremont	Mtr		33220 AM
KQFK	Coalinga	Mtr		33500 FM
KHIW	"	Mtr		35220 FM
6XIV	"	Link		117350 FM
KQVO	Colton	Comp		33220 AM
KQRO	Colusa (Co)	Comp		2422 AM
		Mtr		30380 FM
KQAQ	Compton	Comp		33100 AM
KRIV	Corona	PDL		2442 AM
		Comp		30580 AM
KQKV	Coronado	RCA	Mtr	33780 AM
KPCM	Corte Madera	Comp		33220 FM
KQIH	Covina	Mtr		33220 AM
KPDC	Culver City	Comp		1730 AM
		Comp		30580 AM
		Mtr		37500 AM
KEYG	Delano	Mtr		35900 AM
KELJ	El Cajon	Mtr		33780 AM
KEZQ	El Centro (Co)	Mtr		35100 FM
KNGJ	El Centro	Mtr		2490 AM
		Mtr		35100 FM
		Comp		2490 AM
KQVN	El Monte	CE'Cr		37780 AM
KAMM	El Monte	Comp		39500 AM
KRQJ	El Monte	CE'Cr		39500 AM
KQJL	El Segundo	PDL, Mtr		37900 AM
KGFS	Elsinore	Comp		30580 AM
KQHS	Escondido	Comp		2490 AM
KQRM	Eureka	Kaar		33780 AM
KHCP	Eureka (Co)	RCA		30700 AM
		GE		39780 FM
KDIC	Fairfax	RCA		33220 FM
KBYV	Fairfield (Co)	Link		35220 AM
6XHU	Fresno	Link		118550 FM
KGZA	"	deF		2414 AM
		Comp		37220 AM
		Link		35220 FM
KRDY	"	Comp		2414 AM
KQHN	Fullerton	Comp		33780 AM
KQEG	Gardena	Comp		1730 AM
		Mtr		39100 AM
KROB	Gilroy	Kaar		1674 AM
KQZL	Glendale	PDL		33940 AM
KQCT	"	PDL, Mtr		33220 AM
		PDL		33940 AM
6XGL	Grapevine (Co)	PDL		116150 AM
KGVV	Grass Valley	Comp		35220 AM
KEWB	Hanford (Co)	Mtr		2414 AM
		Mtr		37780 FM
6XIA	Hemet	Mtr		117750 FM
KBJT	Hemet	Comp		30580 AM
KRMZ	Hermosa Beach	Comp		37900 AM
KANQ	Hillsborough	Comp		1674 AM
KHBP	"	Comp		1674 AM
KSPH	"	Comp		1674 AM
KDHB	Hollister (Co)	Comp		33220 AM
		Mtr		1674 AM
KQAL	Huntington Beh	Mtr		35100 AM
KHPM	Huntington Pk	Mtr		33780 AM
KQIJ	Indio	Mtr		39900 FM
KQNL	Inglewood	RCA		30580 AM
KEXE	Inyokern (Co)	Wstr		39500 AM
KKFD	Kensington Pk	Comp		2414 AM
		Comp		1658 AM
		Comp		35220 AM
KQFN	Laguna Beach	Comp		33780 AM
KAVL	Lakeport (Co)	Mtr		1610 AM
		Mtr		33220 AM
KREZ	La Mesa	Mtr		33780 AM
KQDD	Lancaster (Co)	Comp		31900 AM
KDHL	Larkspur	RCA		33220 FM
KQYZ	La Verne	Mtr		33220 AM
KRIM	Lindsay	Mtr		37100 AM
KNGY	Lodi	Coll		2414 AM
		Link	GE	39980 FM
KRQW	Long Beach	CE'Cr		33100 AM
KQAO	"	REL, PDL		33100 AM
		RCA	Temc	33100 AM
		CE'Cr	RCA	31780 AM
		CE'Cr	CE'Cr	31780 AM
KQST	"	Comp		33100 AM
KQXI	"	Comp		33100 AM
KQFU	"	Mtr		33100 AM

KGPL	Los Angeles	DeF	RCA	1730 AM
		CE'Cr		35100 AM
		CE'Cr		35220 AM
		CE'Cr		37220 AM
		CE'Cr		37780 AM
		CE'Cr		39380 AM
		Comp		1730 AM
		Comp		1730 AM
		Comp		37510 AM
		Comp		37500 AM
		Comp		1730 AM
		Mtr		31900 AM
		PDL		31900 AM
		Kaar		2414 AM
		Kaar		37220 AM
		Comp		117750 AM
6XHA	Lyons Peak (San Diego)			
KQHK	Lynwood	PDL		35500 AM
KFWH	Madera (Co)	Mtr		2414 AM
		Mtr		37780 FM
		Mtr		37900 AM
KRIB	Manhattan Beh	Mtr		37900 AM
KQKA	Martinez	Comp		35220 AM
KRBS	Martinez (Co)	Comp		1658 AM
KQCE	"	Link		1658 AM
		Link		35220 AM
		Mtr		33980 FM
KBQZ	Marysville (Co)	Comp		1722 AM
KADS	Marysville	Comp		30580 AM
		Mtr		39380 FM
		Mtr		35500 AM
		Kaar		33780 AM
		Comp		2414 AM
		Mtr		37220 AM
KSOM	Merced (Co)	Comp		2414 AM
		Mtr		37220 AM
KDIC	Mill Valley	RCA		33220 FM
6XIJ	Modjeska Pk (Co)	Comp		117750 AM
KQDQ	Modesto	Comp		2414 AM
		Comp		39380 AM
KASE	Modesto (Co)	RCA		2414 AM
		Comp		39380 AM
KQAG	Monrovia	Mtr		33500 AM
KQFE	Montebello	PDL		37900 AM
KRLE	Monterey	Mtr		1674 AM
		Mtr		35220 AM
KGKR	Monterey Pk	Mtr		31500 AM
6XCD	Mt Diablo (Co)	Link		116150 FM
6XGQ	Mt St Helena	Mtr		117350 FM
6XGN	Mt Tamalpais (Co)	Link		117350 FM
6XHG	Mt Toro (Co)	Comp		117750 AM
KPNC	Napa	Comp		1722 AM
		Kaar	Link	35100 AM
		Link		1610 AM
KNCC	Napa (Co)	Link		33220 FM
KQBP	National City	Comp		33100 AM
KQRN	Nevada City	Mtr		35220 AM
		Mtr		35220 AM
KQAF	Newport Beh	Comp		33780 AM
KQRV	N. Sacramento	Comp		35220 AM
KALT	Oakland	GE		31100 FM
		Link		30580 FM
		Link		31780 FM
KADI	Oceanside	Mtr		2490 AM
		Mtr		33780 AM
		Mtr		33780 AM
KQKT	Ontario	Comp		33780 AM
KQHI	Orange	Comp		33380 AM
KBYQ	Oroville (Co)	PDL		2414 AM
KONC	Oxnard	PDL		39580 AM
KAZI	Pacific Grove	Stne	Kaar	1674 AM
		Kaar		1674 AM
		GE		30580 FM
KQAS	Palm Springs	PDL		37100 AM
KPHK	Palo Alto	Comp		1674 AM
		Kaar		33780 AM
KGJX	Pasadena	Comp		1714 AM
		Comp		33220 AM
KHDW	Perris	Comp		30580 AM
KQJE	Petaluma	Mtr		37100 AM
KQPT	Piedmont	Comp		33100 AM
		Comp		37220 AM
		Comp		33100 AM
KQDW	"	Comp		33100 AM
6XHO	Plse Hill (Co)	Mtr		118150 FM
KQBT	Pittsburg	Comp		30700 AM
		Comp		35220 AM
		Comp		33100 AM
KALM	Pomona	Comp		1714 AM
KNFJ	"	Comp		1714 AM
		Mtr		33220 AM
KQAU	Porterville	Comp		37100 AM
KBSV	Quincy (Co)	Mtr		1722 AM
		Mtr		39380 FM
		Mtr		35100 FM
		Comp		33220 AM
KQET	Redlands	Kaar		1674 AM
KRAZ	Redwood City	Comp		33780 AM
		Kaar		33780 AM
KRGX	Redwood City (Co)	Comp		1674 AM
		Mtr		3998

WKPD	Kenilworth	Hlrd	D & F	35900 AM
WAFB	LaGrange	Mtr		31500 FM
WMHZ	LaGrange Pk	Mtr		31500 FM
WQLK	Lake Forest	Eph	Dool	30980 AM
		Comp		31500 AM
WBMG	Lansing	Mtr		33780 AM
WQKR	LaSalle	Mtr		30700 FM
WQGV	Lawrenceville	Mtr		33940 FM
WLBS	Lewistown (Co)	Mtr		33940 FM
WSYW	Libertyville	Dool		33220 AM
WDBT	Lincoln	RCA		31900 AM
WDBU	Lincoln (Co)	RCA		31900 AM
WSKR	Lincolnwood	D & F		33780 AM
WDCV	Lyons	GE	Mtr	31500 FM
WMQK	Madison	Mtr		39100 FM
WSJT	Main Twp (Co)	D & F		37900 AM
WQHX	Marion	Mtr		33940 FM
WBZB	Maywood	GE		31500 FM
WSCQ	McLenn (Co)	RCA	Mtr	31900 AM
WJNF	Midlothian	B & D		33780 AM
WAON	Moine	Mtr		33780 FM
WMQS	Monmouth	Mtr		33940 FM
		Mtr		33780 FM
WMHI	Monmouth (Co)	Mtr		33940 FM
		D & F		33780 AM
WSKJ	Morton Grove	RCA		39500 FM
WMTV	Mt Vernon	Mtr		33940 FM
WLEB	Mt Vernon (Co)	Mtr		33220 AM
WAFS	Mundelein	Bass		33220 AM
WMKA	Nameoki	Comp		31100 AM
WROA	Naperville	RCA		37500 AM
WQJR	Normal	RCA		31900 AM
WSVT	Nashville (Co)	Mtr		39500 FM
WRLN	N. Chicago	D & F		33220 AM
WIWZ	Oak Lawn	Dool		33780 AM
WQFL	Oak Park	Mtr		1714 AM
		D & F Mtr		30580 AM
WSRZ	Oglesby	Mtr		33940 FM
WMQD	Oquawka (Co)	Mtr		33940 FM
WVKX	Ottawa	Mtr		37100 AM
WQFX	Ottawa (Co)	Mtr		33940 FM
WBZD	Park Ridge	GE		30700 FM
WSTO	Pekin	RCA		33500 AM
WANU	Pekin (Co)	RCA		33500 AM
WQOP	Peoria	RCA		33500 AM
WRLN	Peoria	RCA		33500 AM
WMWZ	Peoria Hgts	RCA		33500 AM
WQKM	Peru	Mtr		37100 AM
WKPS	Princeton (Co)	Mtr		33940 FM
WBHZ	Quincy	RCA		33500 AM
WBMQ	Riverdale	Mtr		33780 AM
WQFN	River Forest	Comp		37900 AM
WRIN	River Grove	Comp		37900 AM
WJWS	River Grove	Mtr		31500 FM
WCEA	Riverside	GE		31500 FM
WPWC	Rockford (Co)	Comp		2458 AM
		Comp		31500 AM
		Mtr		33940 FM
WPGD	Rockford	RCA	Dool	30580 AM
		Mtr		31500 AM
WBDI	Rock Island	Mtr		33940 FM
WBXM	Salem (Co)	Mtr		33940 FM
WAOL	Salem	Mtr		33940 FM
WQXL	Skokie	Link		37100 AM
WBSP	S. Beloit	RCA		31500 AM
WQNJ	Springfield	WE	RCA	31500 AM
		Mtr	D & F	31500 AM
WRSC	Springfield (Co)	Mtr		39500 FM
WQKE	Streator	Mtr		37100 AM
WSTY	St. Charles	Mtr		33500 AM
WJVF	Taylorville (Co)	WE		33780 AM
		Mtr		33940 FM
		Coll		2458 AM
WAGR	Urbana	Mtr		30580 AM
		Mtr		33940 FM
WBQY	Vandalia (Co)	Mtr		33940 FM
WJJA	Venice	Mtr		39100 FM
WBWJ	Vernilion (Co)	Mtr		30580 AM
WBLS	Villa Park	Mtr		37220 AM
		Mtr		37500 AM
WQFX	Waukegan (Co)	D & F Hlrd		1714 AM
		D & F Hlrd		33220 AM
		Mtr		33220 FM
WQLM	Waukegan	Hlrd		33100 AM
		Mtr		33220 FM
WJEC	W. Chicago	Comp		33100 AM
WDRR	Western Spgs	Mtr		37220 FM
WKYZ	Wheaton	GE		31500 FM
WQJW	Wheaton	Comp		39380 AM
		Link		39500 FM
WQJW	Wheaton (Co)	Mtr		37220 FM
		Mtr		37220 AM
		Mtr		37500 FM
WDEY	Wilmette	Mtr		30700 AM
WQFO	Winnetka	RCA		35900 AM

INDIANA

WEDX	Alexandria	Comp		2442 AM
		Mtr		33220 AM
WBMK	Anderson (Co)	Mtr		33220 AM
WMPJ	Anderson	Comp		2442 AM
		Comp		33220 AM
WIUM	Anzela (Co)	Comp		2490 AM
WANU	Auburn (Co)	Mtr		30580 AM
WANT	Auburn	Bass		2490 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
WBIF	Bedford	Temc		2442 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
WBPJ	Bloomington	RCA		2442 AM
		Stnc		30580 AM
WAMI	Bluffton	Comp		2490 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
WBHJ	Columbia City (Co)	Mtr		30580 AM
WGHQ	Columbia City	Kaar		30580 AM
WRFB	Columbus	Temc		2442 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
WAMB	Connorsville	Coll		2442 AM
		Stnc		33220 AM
WBVG	Crawfordsville (Co)	Stnc		30580 AM
WCIP	Crawfordsville	Temc		2442 AM
WAGT	Crown Pt (Co)	Mtr	Stnc	37100 FM
WRQT	E. Chicago	D & F		33940 FM
		Dool		33940 FM
WSPG	Elkhart	D & F		33940 AM
WBVH	Elkhart	Bass	Mtr	2490 AM
		Bass		30580 AM
WASF	Elwood	Comp		2442 AM
		Comp		33220 AM
WBXP	Evansville (Co)	Link		30700 AM
WETS	Evansville	Link		30700 AM
WQKB	Evansville	Link	WE	30700 AM
		Harv	RCA	30700 AM
WBST	Ft Wayne	Comp		2490 AM
WPDZ	Ft Wayne	RCA		2490 AM
		Mtr	RCA	30580 AM
WBTF	Frankfort (Co)	Mtr		30580 AM
WAKK	Frankfort	Bass		2490 AM
		Link		30580 AM
WAEF	Gary	GE		39100 FM
WBRV	Goshen (Co)	Mtr		2490 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM

WSKI	Goshen	Mtr		30580 AM
WHHB	Greencastle (Co)	Mtr		35100 AM
WQYK	Hammond	D & F Mtr		30700 AM
WRGW	Hammond	Comp		30700 AM
WAKA	Huntington	Bass		2190 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
WSTFA	Huntington (Co)	Mtr		30580 AM
WSTF	Indianapolis (Co)	Mtr		35220 AM
WMDZ	Indianapolis	Wtr		2442 AM
		Mtr		35220 AM
WLSM	Indianapolis	Comp		2442 AM
WJAI	Jasper	Link		30700 AM
WBND	Kokomo (Co)	Mtr		30580 AM
WPDY	Kokomo	Comp		2490 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
WQFQ	Lafayette	Comp		2490 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
WMPJ	LaPorte	Bass		2490 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
WBRM	LaPorte (Co)	Mtr		30580 AM
WSKG	Lima (Co)	Mtr	RCA	30580 AM
WSLH	Logansport (Co)	RCA		30580 AM
WMPQ	Logansport	RCA		2490 AM
		RCA		30580 AM
WRAY	Marion	Temc		2490 AM
		Temc		30580 AM
WSVF	Michigan City	Mtr		31500 AM
WSKP	Mishawaka	Bass	Mtr	2490 AM
		Bass		30580 AM

KRIX	Clinton	Mtr		2466 AM
		Mtr		31780 AM
KBIE	Cornhusk (Co)	Mtr		35220 FM
KPCB	Council Bluffs	Mtr		35780 FM
KGPN	Davenport	Coll		2466 AM
		Coll	Mtr	31780 AM
KIGR	Des Moines (Co)	Mtr		35220 FM
KGZG	Des Moines	Coll	RCA	2466 AM
		Coll	D & F	30580 AM
		RCA	Mtr	30580 AM
KQDT	Dubuque	Coll		2466 AM
KQZF	Fort Dodge	Coll		2466 AM
		Coll		33220 AM
KRYS	Fort Madison	Mtr		33500 AM
KAWP	Iowa City	Coll		2466 AM
		Coll	Mtr	33220 AM
KRIH	Marshalltown	Coll		2466 AM
		Coll		31780 AM
KQAF	Mason City	Mtr		2466 AM
		Mtr		31780 FM
KQJI	Oskaloosa	Coll		2466 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
KPDO	Ottumwa	Coll		2466 AM
		Mtr		31780 AM
KGPK	St. Louis City	Mtr		2466 AM
		RTL	Mtr	31780 AM
KRMJ	Waterloo	Mtr		37900 FM

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KANSAS

WBTV	Mt Vernon	Link		30700 AM
WMHV	Mt Vernon (Co)	Mtr		39100 FM
WPGP	Muncie	Hlygd		2442 AM
		RCA		23320 AM
WBWC	New Albany	Mtr		39100 FM
WBNC	New Castle	Temc		2442 AM
		Mtr		35220 AM
WKUO	Noblesville	Temc		2442 AM
WSPV	Noblesville (Co)	Mtr		33220 AM
WABC	Peru	Bass		2490 AM
		Link		30580 AM
WPDH	Richmond	Harv	Mtr	33220 FM
		Link	Stnc	33220 AM
WERI	Richmond	Link		33500 FM
WRIP	Richmond (Co)	Comp		2442 AM
		Harv		33220 AM
		GE	Link	33220 FM
		Link		33500 FM
WSTL	Shelby (Co)	Bass		30580 AM
WDPS	Shelbyville	Temc		2442 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
WPGN	South Bend	RCA		2490 AM
		Bass		30580 AM
WQOF	Terre Haute	Link		33100 AM
WBVT	Valparaiso (Co)	Bass		30580 AM
WMPV	Valparaiso	Comp		2490 AM
		Harv		30580 AM
WQKT	Vincennes	Link		33100 AM
		Harv		33100 AM
		Bass		2490 AM
WBIE	Wabash	Mtr		30580 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
WBHJ	Wabash (Co)	Mtr		30580 AM
WJEM	Warsaw	Temc		30580 AM
WHCR	Warsaw (Co)	Bass		2490 AM
		Mtr		30580 AM
WRMW	W. Lafayette	Comp		30580 AM
WQKD	Whiting	Mtr		37100 FM

IOWA

KQFW	Ames	Coll		2466 AM
		Coll		31780 AM
KHQD	Atlantic (Co)	Mtr		35220 FM
KQAR	Burlington	Coll		2466 AM
		Coll	Mtr	31780 AM
		Mtr		31780 FM
KHGX	Burlington (Co)	Mtr		31780 AM
KFLZ	Cedar Rapids	Coll		35220 AM
KGOZ	Cedar Rapids	Comp		2466 AM
		Coll		33220 AM

KENTUCKY

WMHD	Anchorage	Mtr		30700 AM
WSAG	Ashland	RCA		2430 AM
		Mtr		35100 AM
WRNM	Bowling Green	Mtr		30700 AM
		WE		30700 AM

NEW EIMAC EXTERNAL ANODE TRIODE 3X2500A3

Rugged mechanical construction
Outstanding electrical efficiency

In the new 3X2500A3, Eimac engineers have developed a highly efficient external anode triode which, in Class C service, delivers up to 5 KW output at a plate voltage of only 3,500 volts. The mechanical design is radically simple, incorporating a "clean construction" which gives short, low inductance heavy current connections that become an integral part of the external circuits at the higher frequencies.

The external anode, conservatively rated at 2500 watts dissipation, has enclosed fins so as to facilitate the required forced air cooling.

Non-emitting vertical bar grid does not cause anode shadows ordinarily created by heavy supports in the grid structure.

Thoriated tungsten filament. Note unusually large filament area, and close spacing.

Filament alignment is maintained throughout life of the tube by special Eimac tensioning method.

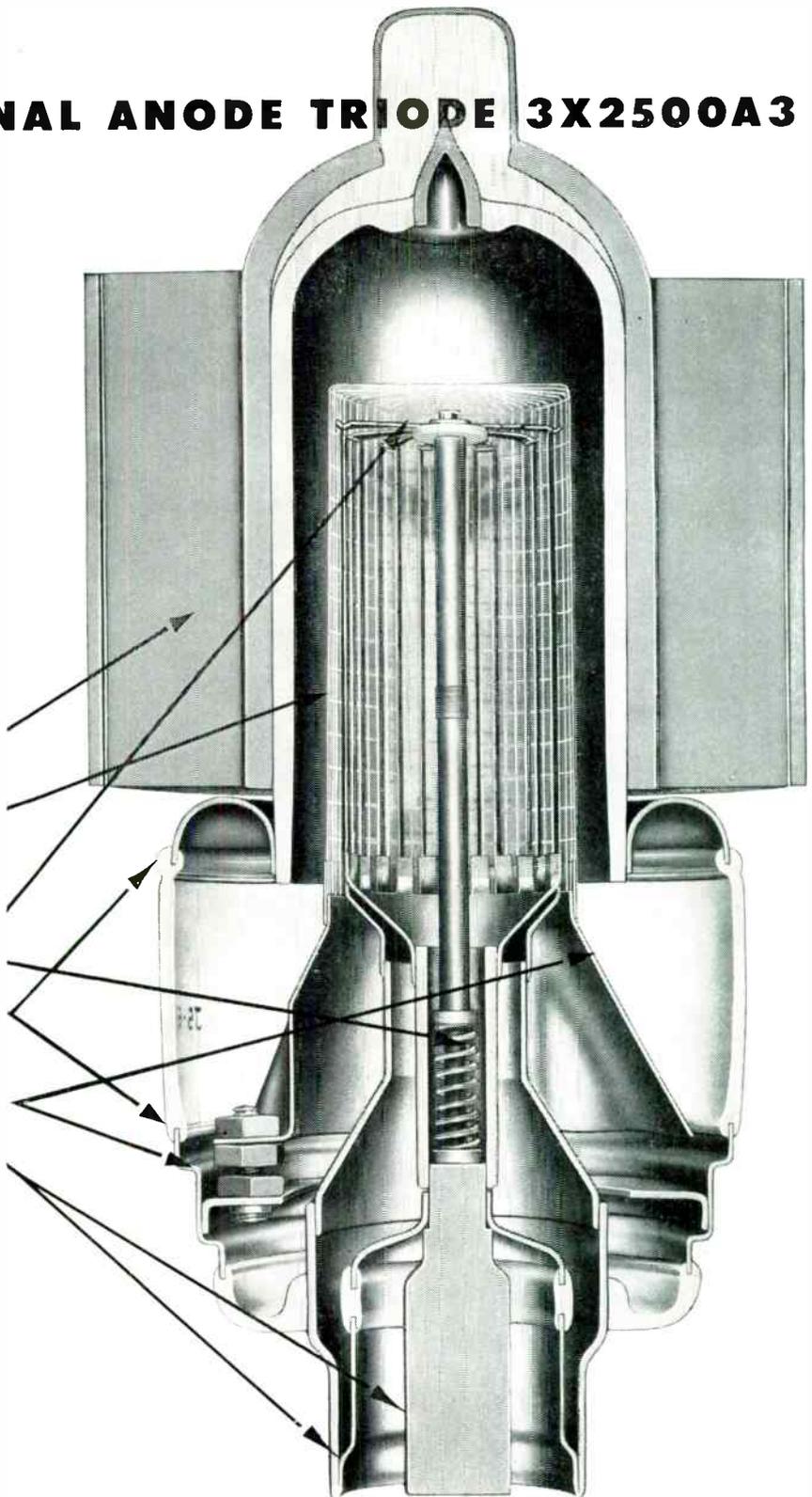
New glass-to-metal seals do not have the RF resistance common to iron alloy seals, nor the mechanical weaknesses of the feather-edged types.

Grid ring terminal mounts a cone grid support which acts as a shield between plate and filament.

A coaxial filament stem structure forms the base of the tube. This makes possible proper connections to the filament lines.

Grid and filament terminal arrangements make it possible to install or remove the 3X2500A3 without the aid of tools.

The new mechanical and electrical features of the Eimac 3X2500A3 external anode triode make it valuable for use on the VHF as well as low frequencies. More complete data and information yours for the asking.



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TYPE 3X2500A3 - MEDIUM MU TRIODE ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Filament: Thoriated Tungsten	
Voltage	7.5 volts
Current	48 amperes
Amplification Factor (Average) 20	
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (Average)	
Grid Plate	20 μ fd.
Grid Filament	48 μ fd.
Plate Filament	1.2 μ fd.
Transconductance ($i_b = 830$ ma., $E_b = 3000$ v.) 20,000 μ mhos	

WKXC	Covington	Mtr	3940 FM	WFMP	Fairhaven	GE	30700 FM	WBJG	Ann Arbor (Co)	Mtr	35100 FM
WMHK	Hazard	GE	39500 FM	WAKV	Fall River	Wstg	1714 AM	WQGS	Bad Axe (Co)	Mtr	35100 FM
WQPT	Henderson	Link	30700 AM	WQFL	Falmouth (Co)	Wstg	39380 AM	WRLM	Battle Creek	Mtr	33100 FM
WKKZ	Henderson (Co)	Link	30700 AM	WPHL	Elteburg	Harv	39900 AM	WPGA	Battle Crk. Twp.	Comp	33720 AM
WRPE	Hopkinsville	Link	30700 AM	WKMF	Foxboro	WE	2466 AM	WPLU	Bay City	Comp	31780 AM
WQOH	Lexington (Co)	WE	37100 AM	WFKB	Franklin	WE	33220 AM	WEKA	Bay City (Co)	Comp	31780 AM
WPBT	Lexington	RCA	1706 AM	WBWJ	Gardner	GE	33940 AM	WSVO	Benton Harbor	Kaar	31780 AM
WKJC	Louisville (Co)	Link	30700 AM	WGMP	Greenfield	Link	37900 AM	WRIZ	Berkley	Mtr	35700 AM
WJDE	Louisville	Mtr	37100 FM	WKQT	Greenfield	Comp	2422 AM	WRIZ	Birmingham	Comp	33900 AM
WKYP	Madisonville (Co)	Link	30700 AM	WQTM	Harwich (Co)	Comp	31780 AM	WQOG	Bloomfield Hills	Comp	33500 FM
WKYK	Madisonville	Link	30700 AM	WHAV	Haverhill	GE	39900 AM	WBNR	Center Line	Comp	31100 AM
WRPG	Maysville	Mtr	31500 AM	WQTI	Hingham	Harv	37100 AM	WGBX	Charlottesville	Mtr	39900 AM
WRGJ	Mitchell Hill (Co)	Link	30700 AM	WQTF	Holyoke	Harv	37980 AM	WRJA	Clawson	Comp	33100 FM
WRPJ	Owensboro	RCA	30700 AM	WEHB	Hudson	Comp	31500 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	35500 AM
WKNL	Paducah	Mtr	30700 AM	WQYD	Itull	Comp	31780 AM	WCK	Detroit	Comp	33100 AM
WSYK	Shively	Mtr	30700 AM	WQYE	Itull	Comp	37100 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
LOUISIANA											
KHML	Alexandria (Par)	Mtr	39500 FM	WQYJ	Itull	Comp	37100 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KPAL	Alexandria	GE	33220 AM	WQYK	Itull	Comp	37100 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WAME	Baton Rouge (Par)	Comp	2430 AM	WRJH	Iyannals (Co)	Harv	39900 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WBPR	Baton Rouge	Mtr	39500 FM	WMJQ	Ipsweli	Mtr	37900 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WFKK	Bokalusa	Wstg	2430 AM	WBLK	Lawrence	Link	31900 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WKKO	Franklinton (Co)	RCA	33220 AM	WBND	Leominster	WE	33500 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KANX	Houma (Par)	Mtr	33500 FM	WBTZ	Lexington	RCA	39900 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KLFN	Lafayette (Par)	Mtr	33500 FM	WBOQ	Lincoln	RCA	39900 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KNCL	Lafayette	Mtr	39500 FM	WBUT	Longmeadow	Wstg	33100 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KRKP	Lake Charles	Mtr	1714 AM	WQNR	Lowell	Game	37220 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KPML	Monroe	Stne	37220 AM	WKLM	Lynn	WE	37100 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KRAY	New Iberia	RCA	2430 AM	WLDP	Lynnfield	GE	35900 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WPEK	New Orleans	RCA	33220 AM	WSVC	Malden	Link	1714 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KNGO	Shreveport	Mtr	33500 AM	WBRT	Manchester	Comp	33220 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KNGP	Shreveport	Comp	2430 AM	WAQO	Mansfield	RCA	33940 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KHBM	St Martinville	Comp	31780 AM	WBVZ	Marblehead	Mtr	33780 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KHBM	St Martinville	Mtr	2430 AM	WBWS	Marion	RCA	33940 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KHBM	St Martinville	Mtr	33220 AM	WJHU	Marshfield	Mtr	37800 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KHBM	St Martinville	Mtr	39500 FM	WPHG	Marshfield	Comp	31900 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
KHBM	St Martinville	Mtr	39500 FM	WMEJ	Melrose	Link	1714 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
MAINE											
WSAH	Auburn	Harv	30700 AM	WMEJ	Melrose	Link	30700 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WALR	Augusta	Mtr	39100 FM	WMAH	Methuen	Link	30700 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WJFM	Bangor	Link	39100 FM	WQRT	Milton (MDC)	Link	35220 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WLFM	Bath	Link	39100 FM	WRBA	Milton	Link	37500 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WLJU	Boulton	GE	39100 FM	WBVJ	Nantucket (Co)	Harv	35100 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WRQH	Lewiston	RCA	33500 AM	WQJH	Natick	Harv	39900 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WPFU	Portland	Mtr	37500 AM	WMPN	Needham	Harv	39380 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WPIN	Presque Isle	Mtr	37780 AM	WPFN	New Bedford	Mtr	39500 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WMQT	Saco	GE	39100 AM	WBSW	Newburyport	Link	1714 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WMHB	Sanford	Link	39500 FM	WBSW	Newton	Comp	37900 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WCAI	S. Portland	Mtr	39100 FM	WPPA	Newton	Comp	1714 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WJYE	Waterville	Mtr	39100 FM	WFEZ	Norfolk	Wstg	31780 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
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WAMD	Annapolis	Comp	2422 AM	WFOV	Norfolk	Link	37900 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WPFH	Baltimore	Mard	35100 AM	WEIL	North Adams	RCA	37100 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WMHF	Bel Air (Co)	Comp	2466 AM	WMBB	North Andover	Mtr	31500 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WJFG	Brooklyn (Co)	Link	33220 AM	WMBB	Northampton	Mtr	35100 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WMEY	Cumbersville (Co)	Link	33900 AM	WMBB	Northampton	Mtr	31780 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WMQG	Dundalk (Co)	Link	37500 FM	WCET	Norwood	Mtr	31900 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WMHE	Edgemere (Co)	Link	37500 FM	WAVN	Pembroke	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WHRP	Eastport (Co)	Link	37500 FM	WAVN	Pembroke	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WHPT	Essex (Co)	Comp	31900 AM	WELW	Pullipston	Comp	31780 AM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WHHS	Ferndale (Co)	Link	31900 AM	WJRH	Pittsfield	GE	30580 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WAUM	Frederick	RCA	37500 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	GE	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WMPU	Frederick (Co)	Mard	35500 AM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WHRO	Galesville (Co)	Link	37500 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WABV	Greenbelt	Link	39900 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WHMD	Hagerstown	Mtr	31100 AM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WQUA	Hagerstown (Co)	Link	39100 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WMQE	Halethorpe (Co)	Link	37500 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WJWA	Hyattsville (Co)	Link	39900 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WAOL	Hyattsville	Link	39900 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WMPF	Pikesville (Co)	Link	37500 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WMQA	Relsterstown (Co)	Link	37500 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WKYX	Rockville (Co)	Link	37900 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WBVQ	Salisbury	GE	33500 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
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WBWZ	Andover	Mtr	39100 AM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WPED	Arlington	Link	30580 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WBJA	Athol	Link	30700 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
WBHC	Auburn	Link	30700 FM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
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WRJZ	Belmont	GE	37500 AM	WQYJ	Plymouth	Link	31100 FM	WQND	Dearborn	Comp	33100 AM
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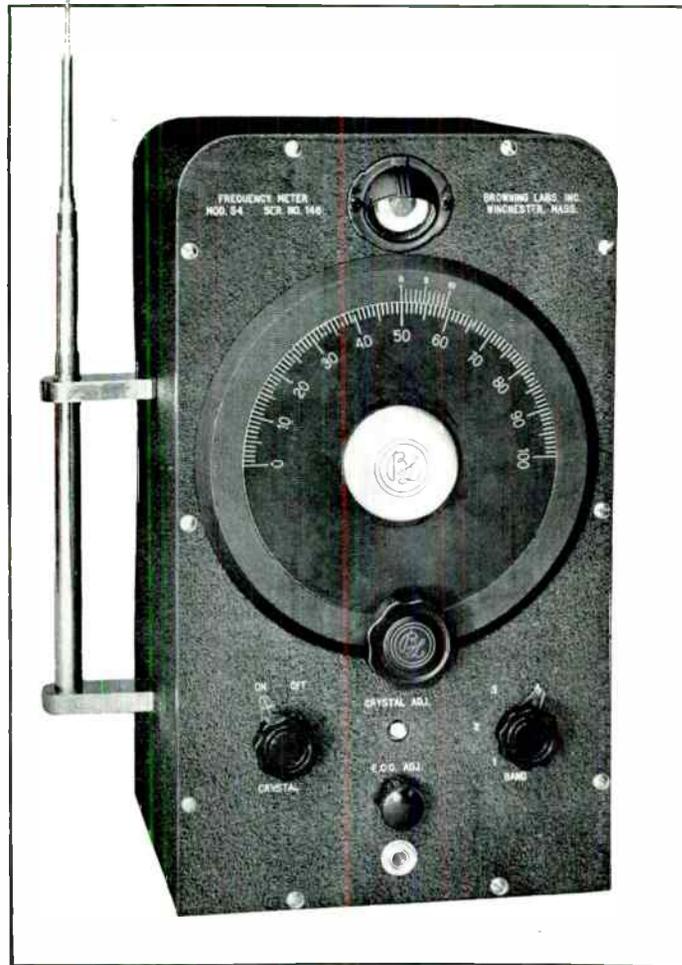
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		Mtr	35100 AM
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		Mtr	33220 AM
KRGA	Corsicana	Comp	1714 AM
		Comp	30980 AM
KVPA	Dallas	WE	1714 AM
		Comp	33220 AM
KRMB	Dallas (Co)	Mtr	33220 AM
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KHNF	Denison	Mtr	1714 AM
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KPDE	Electra	Comp	2458 AM
		Comp	30580 AM
KGZM	El Paso	Comp	2414 AM
		Comp	33100 AM
KRHV	El Paso (Co)	Comp	33100 AM
KRJC	Floresville (Co)	Comp	33220 AM
KQAN	Fort Worth	Mtr	35100 AM
KRLJ	Galveston	Comp	33100 AM
KADM	Galveston	Coll	1714 AM
		RCA	30580 AM
KGCT	Galveston (Co)	Link	33220 AM
KRPW	Galveston	Comp	1714 AM
		Link	33220 AM
KHGC	Goose Creek	Comp	1714 AM
		Comp	33220 AM
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to give overall quality equal to that of the low-impedance triode.

The outcome of this work was the A-323 amplifier which uses beam power 6L6 or 6V6 Tubes in the output stage. This unit is shown in Fig. 8, with the schematic in Fig. 10.

Early work indicated that the output transformer was the limiting factor. Therefore, an output transformer was designed for very low phase shift, high self-impedance, accurate balance between windings, low distributed capacity, and a high coupling factor to reduce leakage.

Intermodulation and harmonic distortion tests reveal that the A-323 amplifier has considerably less distortion with beam power tubes than with triodes of similar power rating. This decreased distortion exists regardless of whether or not feedback is used, thereby indicating that feedback is not necessary to reduce the distortion to a tolerable value. The feedback in the A-323 amplifier is used for the purpose of adjusting the effective output impedance to match that of the loud-speaker.

Intermodulation curves for this amplifier are shown in Fig. 9. Curve A was obtained from an amplifier using 2A3 triode tubes, whereas curve B is for the amplifier using beam power tubes. The same quality of transformer was used for each test. It will be observed that with the beam power tubes there was very low initial intermodulation distortion as compared to that obtained with the triodes. These curves represent the average of six pairs of tubes in each amplifier, so that they may be considered as average conditions with respect to the selection of tubes.

The intermodulation test frequencies were 60 cycles transmitted simultaneously with 1000 cycles, 12 db below the 60-cycle amplitude. The test is therefore representative of the 60-cycle distortion of the amplifier.

This amplifier has a gain of 104 db with an input impedance of 500,000 ohms. A selector switch is provided so that the amplifier can be switched to either the high gain position, Input No. 1, or to low gain, Input No. 2, which removes the first stage. On the low-gain setting, the amplifier has a gain of 74 db. An input transformer is also available which is tapped to work from 30-, 250-, or 500-ohm sources. This transformer has a 90 db shield so that, in the region of strong magnetic fields, shield will eliminate noise pickup.

The first stage has a 6SJ7 tube, pentode connected. The second stage has a 6SJ7 tube, pentode connected, driving a phase inverter of the cathodyne type, using a 6SJ7 tube, triode connected. This inverter is capable of supplying 30 volts of driver

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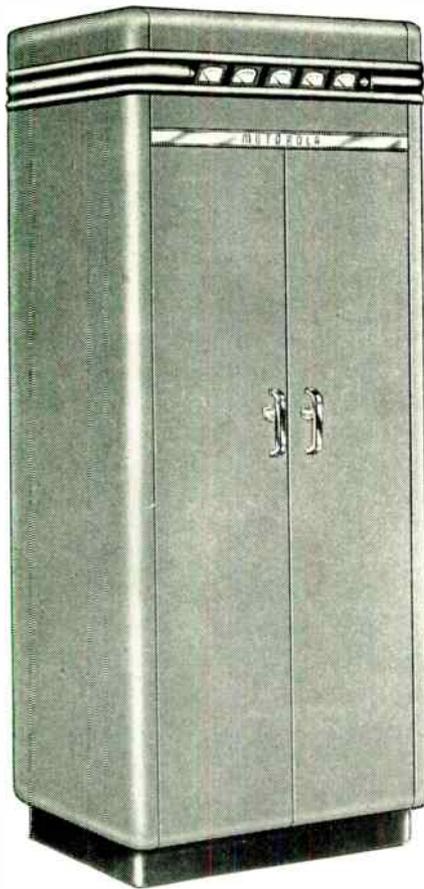
power to the last stage. Excellent balance over a long period of time is obtained with this type inverter. The output hum level is 30 db below the 0.001-watt reference in the high gain position, and 38 db in the low-gain position.

It is customary for manufacturers to rate the frequency range of their amplifiers without regard to maximum power capacity. This practice implies that an amplifier will have its rated frequency range up to its rated power. In virtually all cases, it will be found that the rated frequency range can only be obtained at some power output 6 to 10 db below the maximum power specified.

The frequency characteristics of the A-323 amplifier under two separate conditions are shown on Fig. 11. It will be noted that the lower curve is approximately 60 db below the upper curve. Since these curves are identical, it is obvious that the amplifier, and particularly the output transformer, are capable of operating over a 60-db range with no change in frequency characteristics. Usually, output transformers will have considerably less bass response at low levels because of the decreased inductance for low current values.

If this amplifier is compared directly with another amplifier not meeting the foregoing specifications, it will be observed that, when driving a high quality speaker, the A-323 amplifier, with flat response, will have more actual bass energy at high levels than the comparison amplifier, even though the latter has been provided with considerable bass boost. The reason for this difference is due to the fact that the usual 15-watt amplifier will not develop more than two or three watts at the lower frequencies. As a result, no amount of boost can conceivably yield more bass power. The A-323 amplifier will deliver 15 watts at 400 cycles, and in the range from 40 to 10,000 cycles the output power will vary less than 1 db from the 400-cycle value. The output power will be flat within 1 db from 20 to 20,000 cycles over a 60-db volume range, subject to the power capacity stated above. The frequency range will be flat within 1 db from 20 to 20,000 cycles at 3 db below the rated power.

For best results, it is recommended that the duplex speaker be used with the A-323 amplifier or its equivalent. This amplifier has been designed expressly for operation with this loudspeaker along with its associated networks. The use of a conventional amplifier may result in poor overall quality since amplifier distortion is readily reproduced by the loudspeaker. Experience has shown that users have thought there was something wrong with the duplex speaker only to find out later that the cause was due to distortion in the amplifier, radio set or phonograph pickup.



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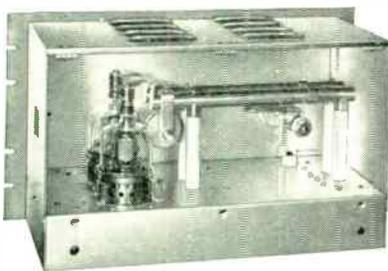
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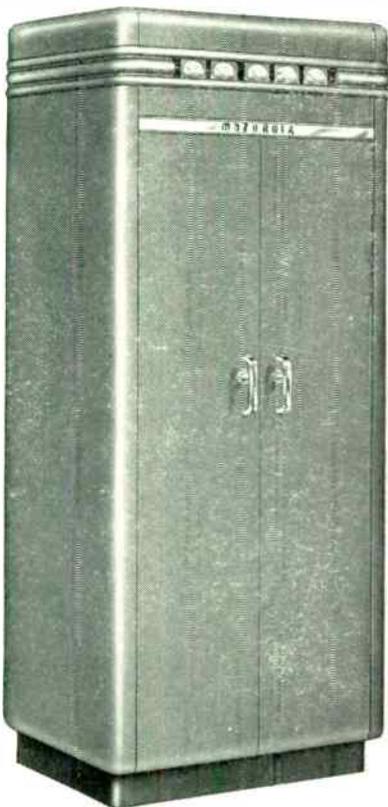
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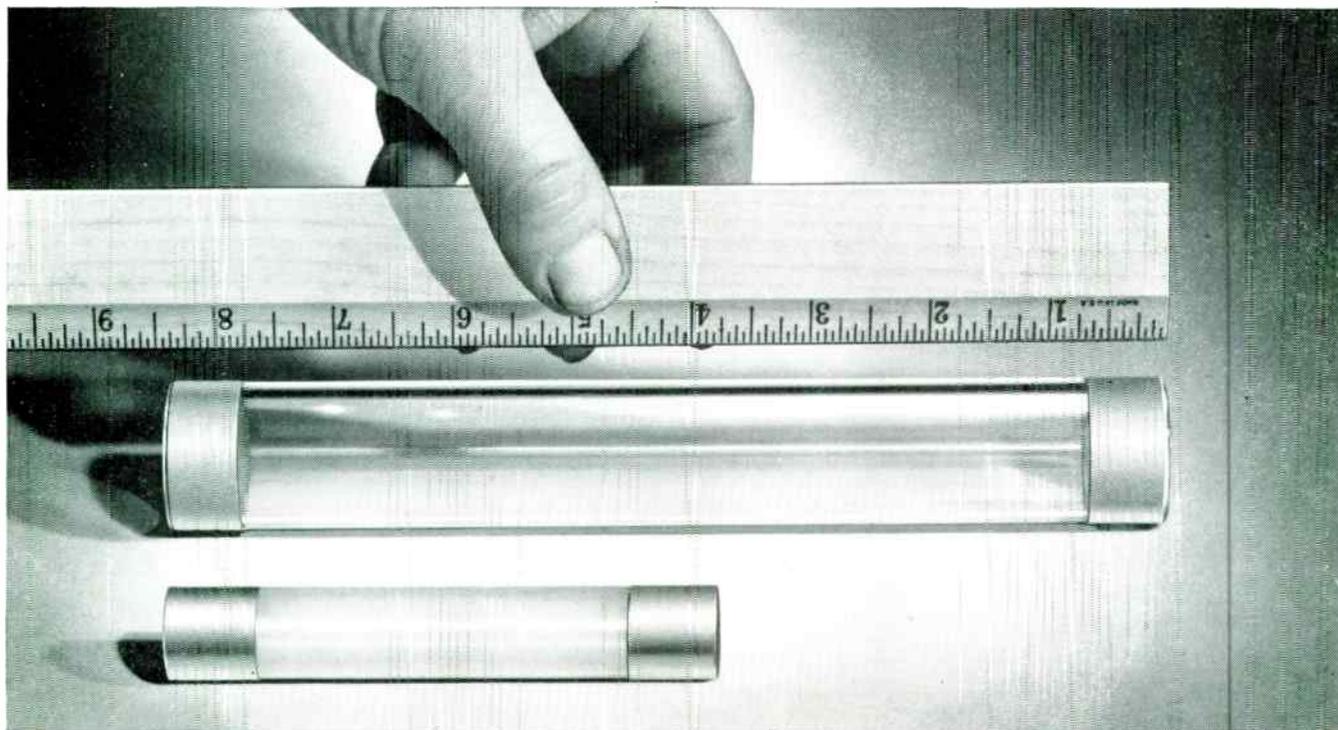
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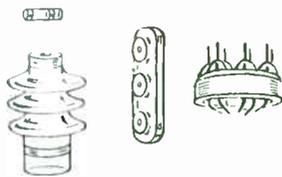
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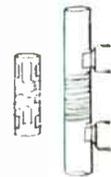
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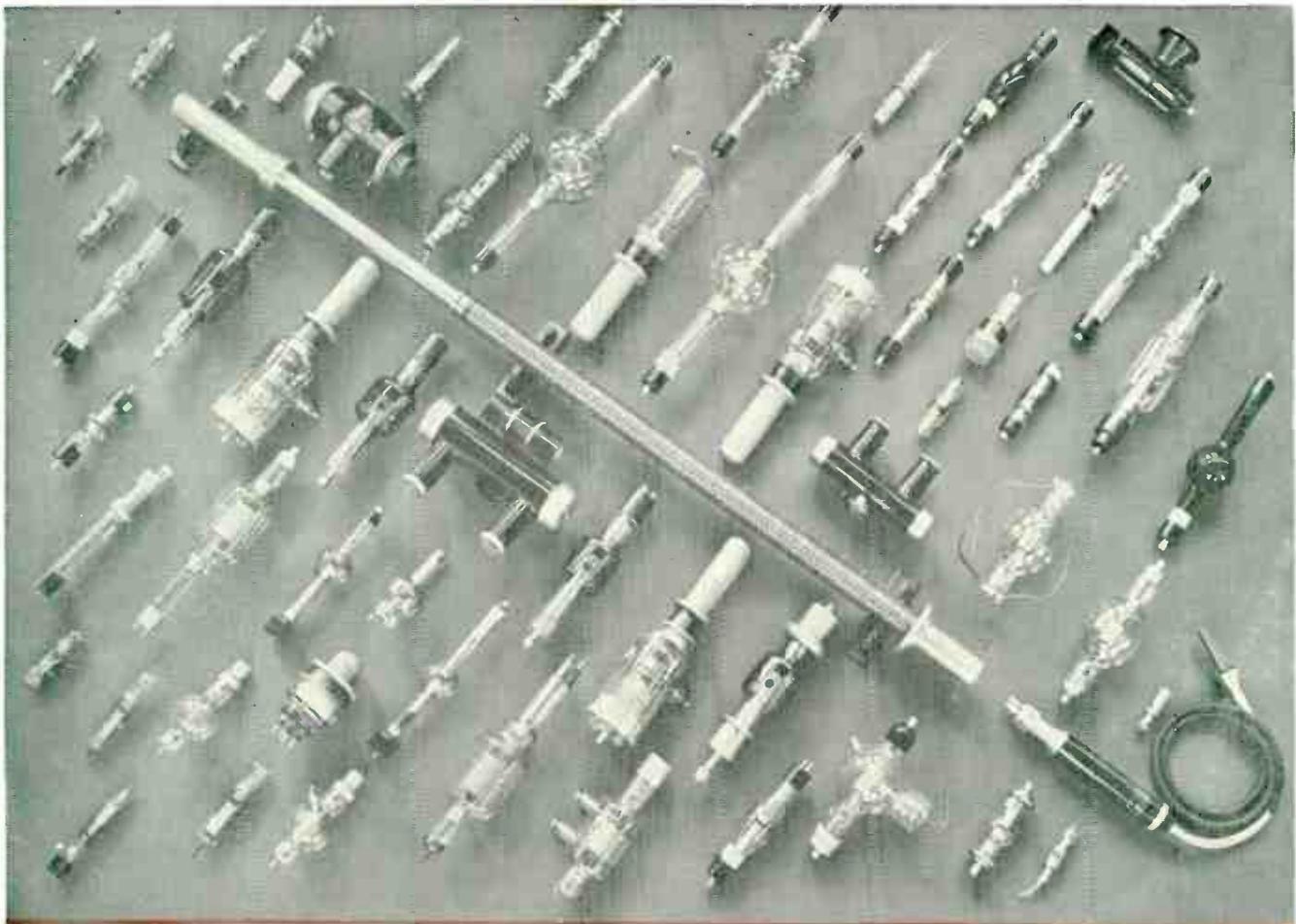
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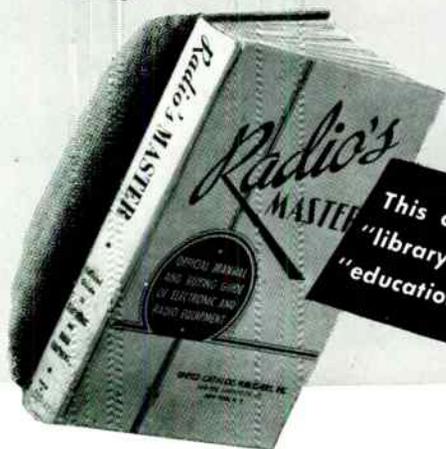
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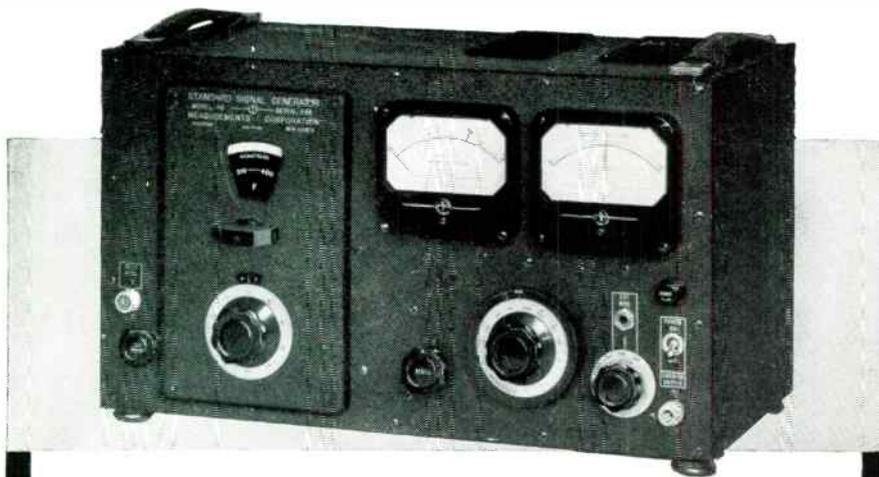
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(Signed) T. J. SLOWIE
Secretary

Commenting on the FCC's action, Comdr. McDonald said: "The order is based on newly developed, factual data which were not before the Commission in its FM hearings of the past year. Nor were these data before the Commission in June, 1945, when it issued the decision placing FM in the 100-mc. band.

"As there had been little broadcasting experience in the 100-mc. band, the FCC, in May, 1945, requested Zenith Radio Corporation to cooperate with the Commission by making extensive comparative tests of the 50- and 100-mc. bands in the midwest, for comparison with similar eastern tests being conducted simultaneously by the Commission between New York and Andalusia, Pa. This we did at an elaborate testing and calibrating station which we set up at Deerfield, Ill. We made our test in conjunction with *The Milwaukee Journal's* transmitting station, on both the 50- and 100-mc. bands.

"The full and complete findings of these actual tests were not reported to the Federal Communications Commission until Friday, December 28, 1945.

"The findings indicate that FM transmitters operating in the 100-mc. band, while rendering good service to a limited area, will satisfactorily cover only 40% of the area which could be covered by a similar transmitter of identical power in the 50-mc. band. This means that the majority of the rural population of the United States would be deprived of static-free FM service if FM were confined exclusively to 100 mc.

"Favorable action on our petition will not only give FM service to rural areas, but will also preserve the large investment the public already has in receivers that function only in the 50-mc. band. It will also provide forty additional channels which can accommodate from 500 to 1,000 additional FM stations. The Commission already has more applications for FM stations than it has frequencies in the upper band.

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ington, D.C., there exist conflicting problems which do not prevail in the balance of the United States. Community television stations, having a radius of eight miles, may desire to operate in this geographical area although, so far as we know, there are at present no applications on file for such permits. Therefore, some exceptions in the No. 1 area, by which community television could be accommodated, may be necessary."

In our April, 1945 issue, we said of Chairman Porter: "FCC Chairman Paul A. Porter will be remembered as the man under whose administration the Commission arrived at the right — or wrong — answer on FM frequencies. The wisdom or error in the final decision will eventually be known to all, and there will be no way to cover up a mistake, if one is made now. We shall have to live with that decision, for better or worse, a long, long time. And because Chairman Porter knows this, it is certain that he will search the records diligently to find the truth."

When, on June 27, 1945, the final allocations for 42 to 108 mc. were announced, the Commission made three mistakes. These were: 1) limiting the service range of FM broadcasting to listeners in population centers, 2) limiting FM to single-market coverage, thereby putting FM at a competitive disadvantage with respect to AM stations selling multi-market coverage, and 3) limiting the number of stations within range of radio listeners to the extent that, in a great part of the United States, they will have service from fewer stations than there are networks, thus precluding the organization of new nets for the purpose of providing high-fidelity programs.

What the Commissioners failed to realize at that time was that scientific progress cannot serve public interest, convenience, and necessity with full effectiveness if it is beset by arbitrary and artificial limitations.

Chairman Porter is to be congratulated on his open-minded attitude in reconsidering the matter of lower-band FM. He took up the extremely difficult and delicate problem of FM allocations as unfinished business initiated by his predecessor, James Lawrence Fly. Few Government officials have been confronted with situations in which scientific testimony could be so effectively biased in the service of established interests. To make matters still more difficult, it was necessary for the FCC to reach a decision at a time when those who strove honestly to present the facts could not demonstrate their contentions, nor could the opposition be challenged to prove its statements.

Furthermore, as one of the engineering consultants remarked recently, "The FM group did not have a spellbinder like Paul

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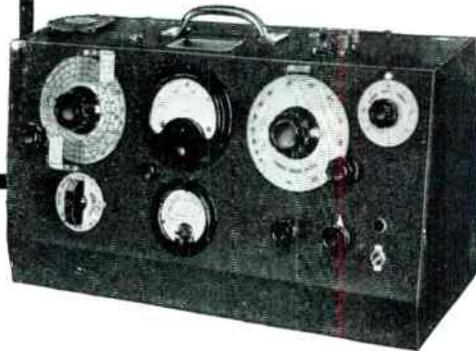
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Kesten. Engineers just don't know how to think and talk that way."

We cannot hazard a guess at this time as to the final outcome, but it seems certain that the right answer will be found without any extensive delay. At least we do believe that the network stations which seized upon the AFM edict as an excuse to close down their low-band FM transmitters are going into a wild scramble to get back on the air in order to keep their old frequencies.

2. In this issue, we have presented an analysis of the FCC's tentative allocation pattern for FM broadcasting which is being used as a basis for allocating Metropolitan and Rural channels.

The first part is the FCC list of frequencies for each city. In addition, we have broken down that list, in the second part, to show what cities are to share each channel.

The FCC's plan was worked out on the assumption of effective radiated power of 20 kw, and an antenna height of 500 ft, above average terrain. Separation of co-channel stations varies from that required by ground-wave interference, principally in eastern U.S., to separation required for freedom from tropospheric interference 1% of the time or less, principally in western areas.

We have not yet obtained any comment from outside propagation experts on this plan, but there will be such information in our report of the January 18th hearing, next month. The announcement of the plan carried the statement that: "The Commission wishes to emphasize that this allocation pattern is tentative only, that the channels listed for particular cities (and their areas) will not be followed in a hard and fast manner, and that departures will be made from the plan wherever it is found desirable or necessary to do so."

Milton B. Sleeper

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telephone service on inter-city routes are extensions of plans announced previously for urban mobile service. Substantial progress has been made already in the program for establishing radiotelephone stations in several cities to provide communications to vehicles, including trucks, cars, and boats. To date, FCC approval has been obtained for experimental installations at Boston, Baltimore, Washington, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Atlanta, New Orleans, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Miami, Memphis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Houston. Equipment is being manufactured, and it is expected that service will begin at some of the cities within a few months. Applications have been filed or are under preparation for stations in thirty-two other cities.

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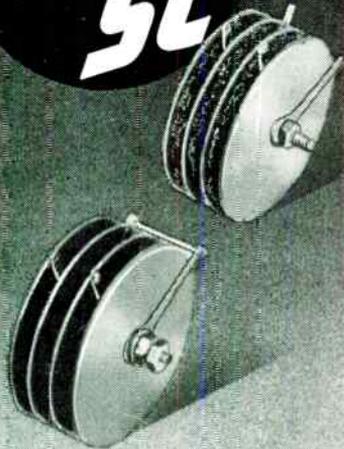
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A GI'S REPORT ON FM

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There were occasions when conditions called for top speed, and pin-point accuracy on the part of the guns had to be matched by perfect clarity on the part of the radios, for the speed of radio communication could be vitiated by garbled messages. A well-timed manoeuvre could be upset by delayed information, and a nicely-planned attack could collapse into a rout. I remember a day when our battalion flirted with disaster and was saved by the perfect functioning of our FM equipment.

One of the tricks used by the Army was to convert an ordinary Infantry battalion into a task force. A task force was a basic combat team, such as a battalion, to which artillery, tanks, and tank destroyers were temporarily attached. On this day we had planned an extremely delicate operation by which the battalion was to become a task force in the middle of a fight. An infantry company was to jump off into the attack and then, at the crucial moment, a platoon of tanks was to swing into action, trapping and crushing the enemy between the two forces.

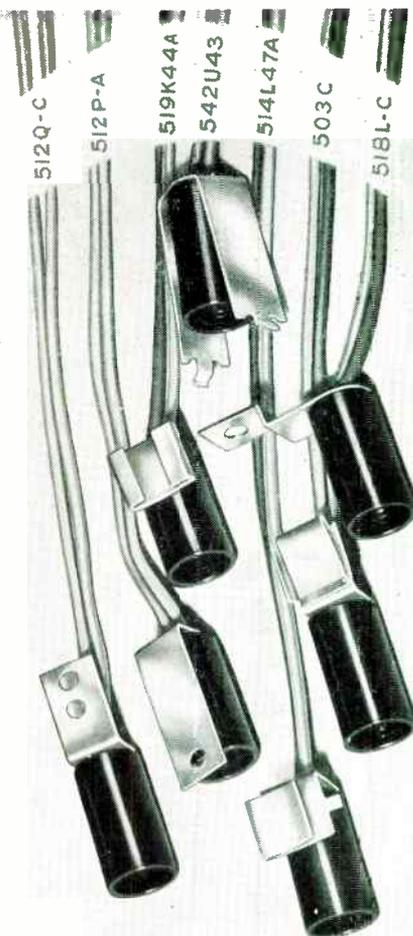
There was one weak spot in the plan. The tanks were to enter our sector from an entirely different area of command, another division in fact, and only when they crossed an imaginary line were they to turn on their radios. Tanks do not ordinarily carry SCR-300's, so the sets were tied to their turrets, and operated from handsets on long extension cords in the interiors of the tanks.

Either the company started too soon or the tanks were delayed en route. Anyway, the attack didn't mesh. The Germans were stirred up by the Infantry and were getting set to give the GIs a bigger fight than they were prepared to handle. Whereupon the tanks rolled up to the imaginary line and, seeing the Germans, opened fire. Now a shell from a 76 mm. gun hits very hard on a target. In fact, it will go through a target. The tanks were shooting into the Germans all right; but they were also shooting through them, and the shells were landing in the middle of our Infantry company.

Result: the Infantry was pinned down by the fire from the tanks and could not do anything about it, while the tanks had knocked out their own Infantry support, and without Infantry support they are pretty helpless. To make matters worse, the company could not tell who was throwing the heavy stuff and called for information and help, plenty of both, and in a hurry. In turn, the tanks could not see the company and, hearing the frantic calls for help over the radios, got a little nervous themselves, because tankers do not like heavy stuff either.

The battalion CO, on a hill overlooking the whole scene, watched his beautiful

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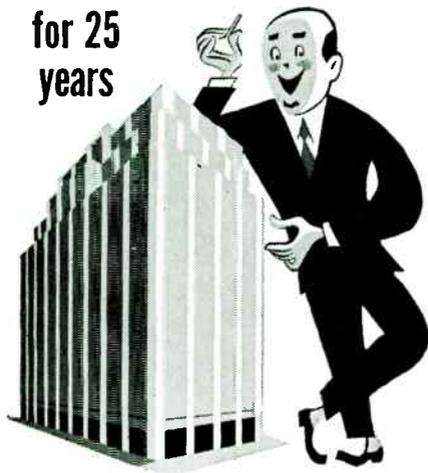


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plan being wrecked by bad timing, misunderstanding, and overly-effective fire. Disregarding code words and in the plainest Army language, unfit for this publication, he straightened out the tanks and got the Infantry on its feet. In the confusion, more Germans escaped than should have. However, we carried the day, although it was not a famous victory.

In retrospect, that battle has its comic aspects, although it was not funny at the time. It might have been a tragedy but for the SCR-300's on the tanks. Strapped on in an all-too-haywire fashion, they were rattled around as no laboratory shake-table ever shook a radio set. But they worked!

The way our task force could manoeuvre under "radio control" was a thing of beauty to behold. There was a day when there were nineteen SCR-300's in our net, as compared with the usual five or six. They were carried on operators' backs, mounted on jeeps, tanks, and tank destroyers, and every set worked so perfectly that the attack was good enough to warrant the high praise of being called a *school solution*. A school solution means that everything went exactly according to plan, as if the affair were a sham battle carefully rehearsed for the movies.

In connection with what I have said about the clarity of FM reception, both as to speech quality and freedom from interference, I want to emphasize this point: Potential combat radiomen were selected from those who showed a natural aptitude for handling code on CW. The men so gifted were given two hundred to four hundred hours of code practice and then sent forth to battle. But under battle conditions all transmissions were by voice. Therefore the air was filled with a great variety of accents and inflections which created some startling effects.

For a while, our regimental net was identified by the names of trees, as Birch, Maple, and Pine. It always got a laugh when one voice called: "Boich to Boich One, ovah!" When Boich was talking to an operator distinguished for his pure Georgia drawl, if reception had been garbled with AM static and inter-station interference, the result would have been chaos. Almost all of our messages were of immediate importance, concerning the location of our own troops, disposition of the enemy, the kind and location of weapons he was using, requests for food and ammunition or medical aid, and orders giving times and routes of advance. If reception hadn't been clear, mistakes would have been made, and time lost. Time is the scarcest commodity in battle. It is the one thing which is not expendable. FM saved lives and won battles because it speeded our communications, and enabled us to move more quickly than the

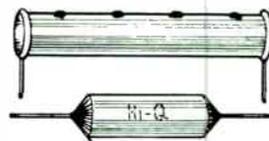
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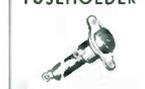
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Germans, who had to depend on AM.

This is a long letter, but I want you to understand that I know about FM from experience, and not from reading it off a slip-stick.

Now, back home at my AM broadcast receiver, and with time to catch up on my reading, it makes me plenty sore to find that the FCC has been listening to engineers who claim to be experts on FM broadcasting because they've studied sun-spots or charts of reception in Hawaii.

If the Commissioners had been with me, they'd know how well thousands of FM stations can work on 42 to 50 mc., for all our FM sets operated between 40 and 48 mc. I don't mean to discredit the radio engineers. After all, they gave us our radio equipment, and they can well be proud of their work. But to get home and find the whole FM broadcast setup in a mess because some fancy-pants experts said it couldn't do a good job below 80 mc. — Well, Mister, it slays me.

And here's the payoff: The best NBC reception on my set is from WBAL, Baltimore, but WEAJ, New York, garbles the signals most of the time, and sometimes over-rides WBAL. Well, when I was visiting a friend in New York City recently, he tuned in WEAJ. The reception wasn't clear, though, and my friend said, "No, that station isn't very good. I get interferences from WBAL, in Baltimore!"

Maybe now that they have made some changes in the engineering department at the FCC, the Commissioners will settle for making FM only 99% pure. As far as I'm concerned, they can keep the 44-100% if they'll only get some FM sets on the market, and more transmitters on the air.

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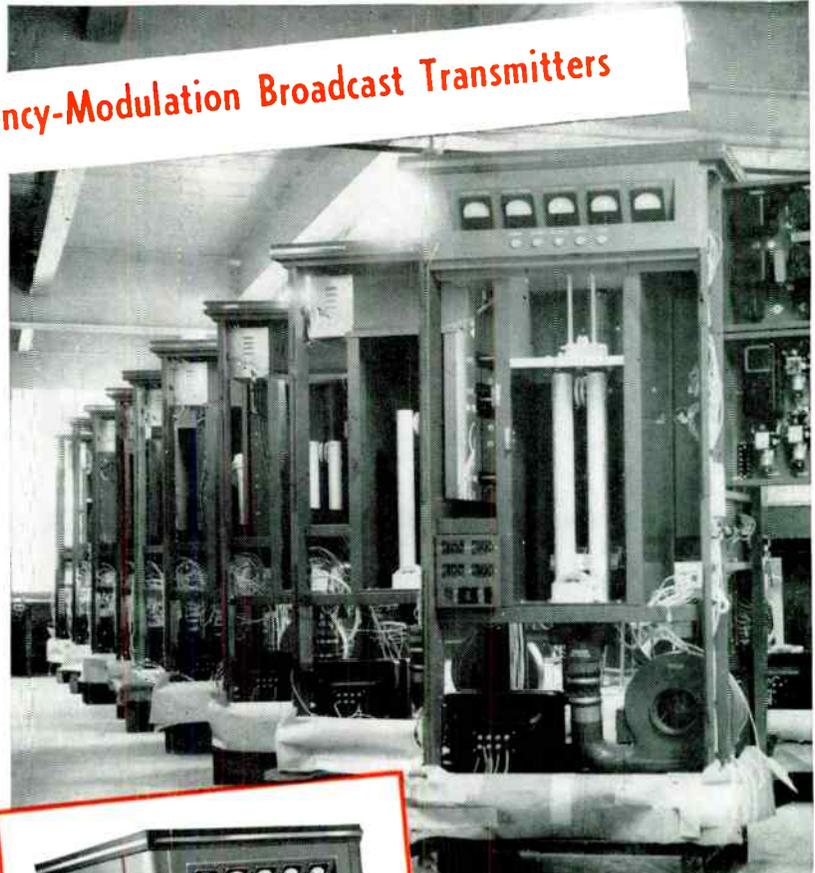
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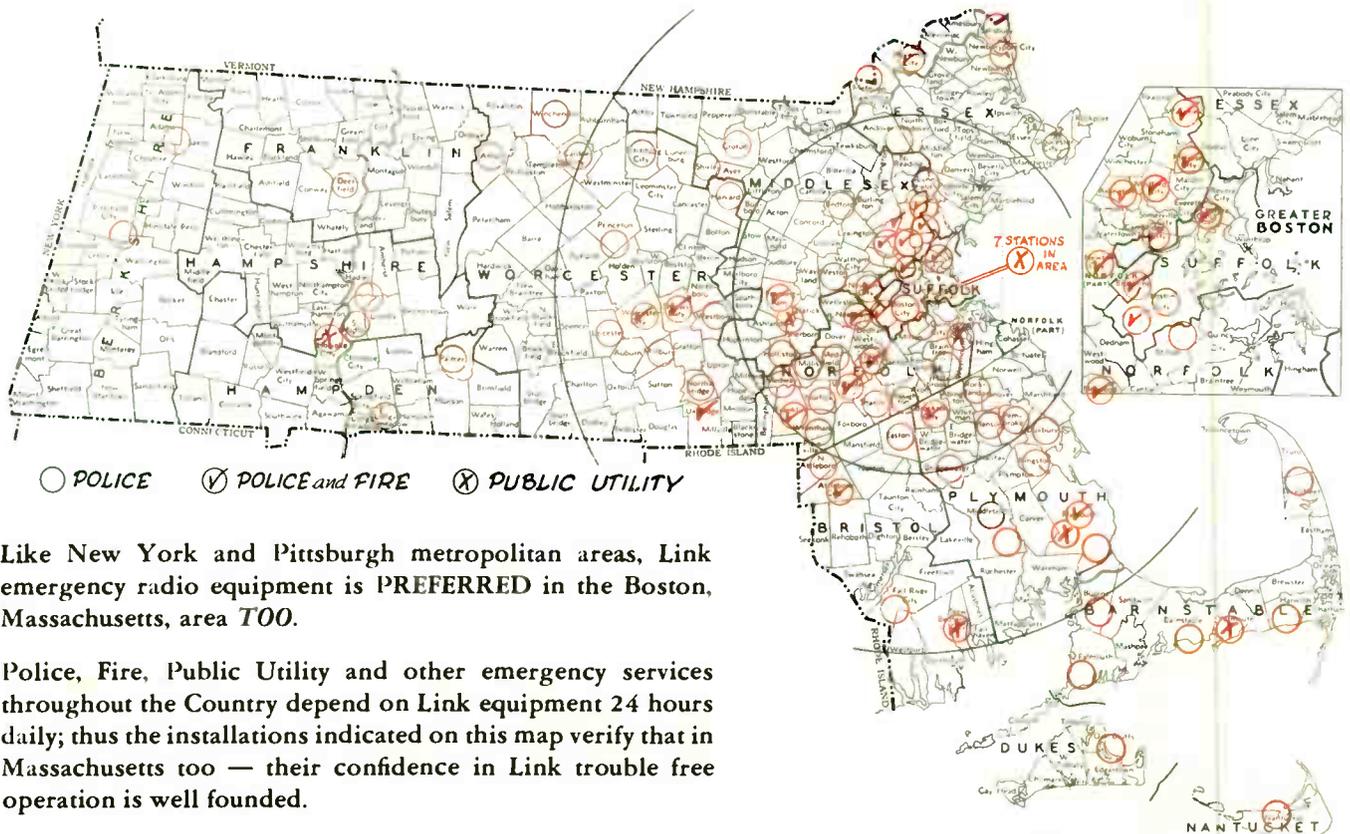
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