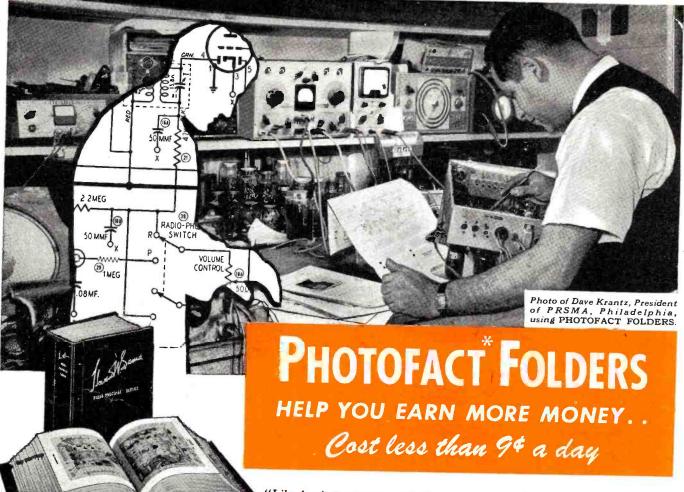


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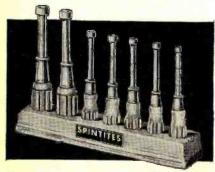
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Many thousands of new television sets have now been installed in Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Los Angeles and other metropolitan centers but in nearly all cases receivers adorn the living rooms of people having high incomes. In other words, the class of people that can afford to buy television sets are those who stay at home the least. As far as the advertiser or sponsor of TV programs is concerned, there is little, if any, advertising opportunity for products for widespread sale in this market.

In the early days of radio everyone, regardless of income, had the necessary cash to either build or buy a crystal set or tube receiver. This new means of entertainment provided a mass market for the sale of goods. Radio sets were cheap and were therefore enjoyed by all. Television sets, on the other hand, are being purchased only by a small percentage of potential televiewers.

As one Eastern executive recently pointed out, most of the sets are going to highly sophisticated groups who expect the best and can pay for the best. This applies to all forms of entertainment they buy including regular visits to swanky night spots, etc. It is to television's disadvantage, therefore, that this class represents radio's poorest audience as they are definitely not radio fans. They seldom, if ever, write letters to the sponsors either criticizing or praising their programs. They are so accustomed to the most expensive forms of entertainment that television leaves them rather dissatisfied after the novelty wears off.

It is a well known fact that mass acceptance of television is the key to much needed revenue for better television programming. Manufacturers cannot be blamed when they hesitate to sign up for a television show knowing, beyond a doubt, that their program will not be witnessed or heard by people who can afford to buy their products.

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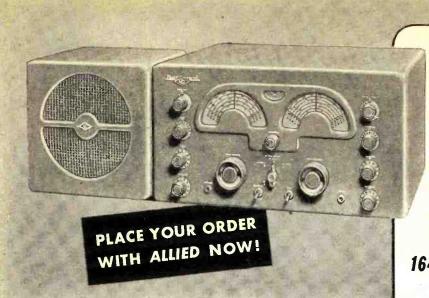
We expect to publish a complete "how to build it" article on this TV set in an early fall issue of Radio News.

We feel that this set will do much to encourage widespread acceptance of television as well as to tempt the manufacturers to produce simplified sets which, in turn, will contribute to a mass acceptance of television. But of equal importance will be the practical experience that servicemen will glean by actually constructing a workable unit. They will become familiar with the many intricacies present in so complicated a piece of electronic gear. They will learn how to handle high voltages with caution and, above all, they will be able to get the "feel" of servicing and aligning procedures.

We have said right along, and we repeat, there are literally hundreds of servicemen fully capable of taking care of television receivers when they finally reach the customer's home. In fact, a recent report from a reliable source says that one of the leading TV manufacturers, formerly very insistent upon their own factory service, are now planning to train and authorize their servicemen-dealers to handle the installation and maintenance of the product in their local communities.

THERE are still many millions of dollars worth of surplus electronic items remaining on the radio market. Some of these "surplus items" have considerable merit and are well adapted for use other than originally intended but in some cases suppliers have misrepresented their merchandise with the result that many individuals have made justifiable complaints.

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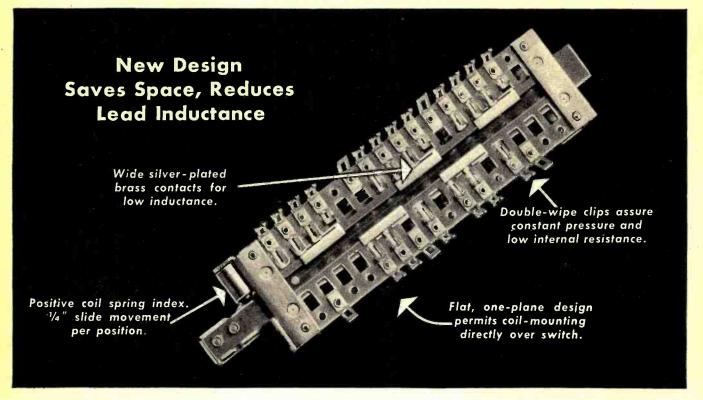
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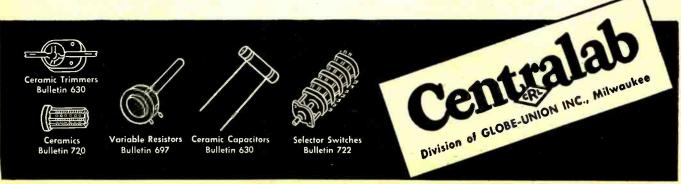


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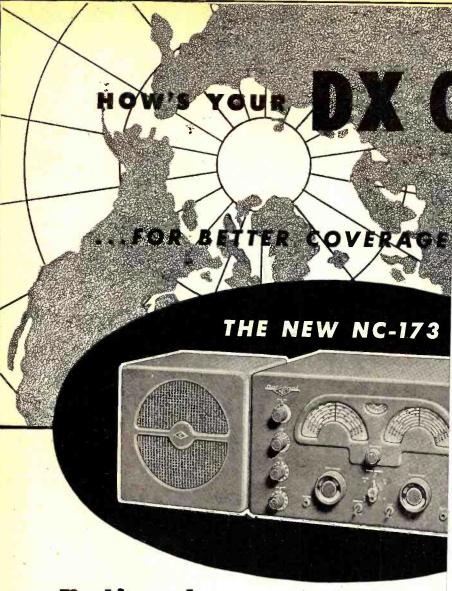
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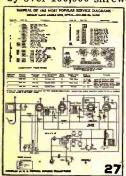
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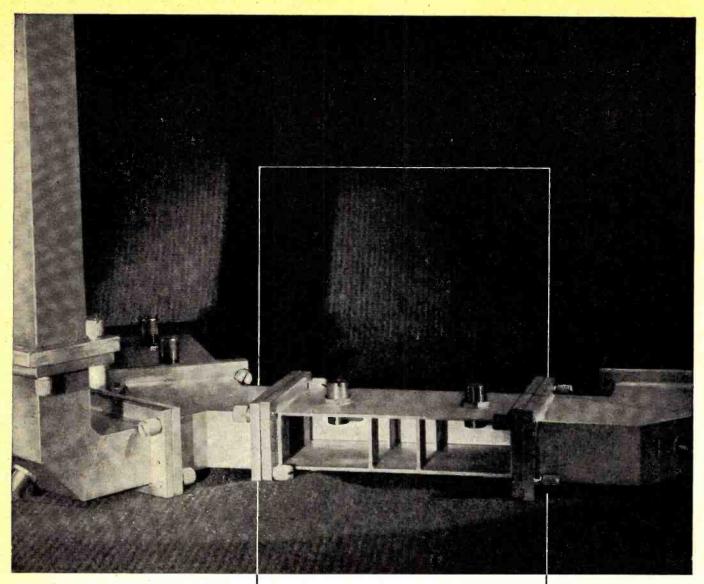
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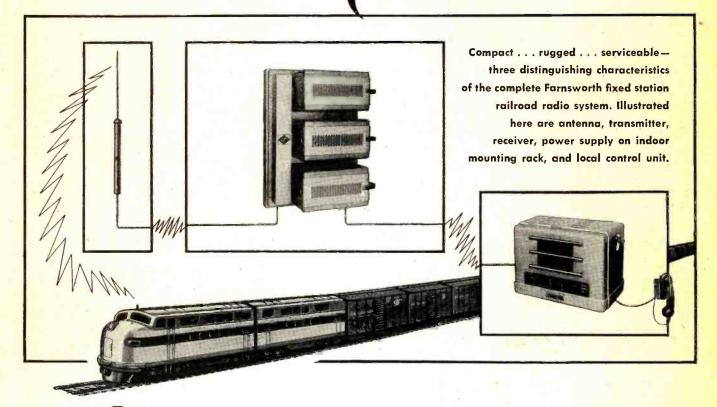


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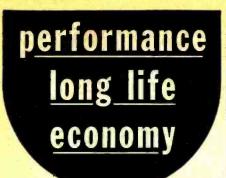
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Washington Editor, RADIO NEWS

WE FLEW all the way to Panama to get a couple of interviews with the boys who managed radio for the Navy's South Pole expedition, and whaddya think? We ran into one of the top men who told us he had joined the Navy in the first place as the result of an article he read in Radio News and is one of our constant readers. He is Lieut. Robert L. Nichols, formerly W9KXU, of Xenia, Ohio.

Lieut. Nichols, who became a ham in 1938, joined the Navy communications reserves after reading about them in Radio News in 1941. He was a radar expert with one of the first night fighter units in the Pacific, and in the fall of 1944 joined Squadron VFN 109 aboard the USS Enterprise -the first night fighter group to work from a flattop. With this outfit he was an airborne radar officer and saw action over Iwo Jima and Okinawa, among other hot spots. He was also at Bikini for the big bomb tests as an observer for the Airborne Coordination Group of the Naval Research Laboratory at Washington, D. C., his now permanent base, and became airborne electronics officer for the South Pole show, known in Navy circles as Operation Highjump.

NICHOLS REPORTS that he had fourteen men on his staff at Little America, and a lot of equipment. In order not to make tests under practical working conditions too fancyone purpose of the expedition was to see how normal equipment would react under abnormal South Pole conditions -most of his equipment was strictly standard. Radio units installed included four or five sets of SCR 610's (FM) and the AM 694, both from the Army Signal Corps. Indeed, most sets used on the ice were of Signal Corps origin. The 694 was especially efficient, Lieut. Nichols says. It was used as the key equipment in communicating with ships standing-by off Little America to supply the ice-cap base and pick up personnel when exploration was completed.

THE SCR 610 is an FM transceiver and was the first to begin operation at the new base. Installed in a Navy weasel, it began portable operations as soon as it hit the ice and before the camp was completed. Only trouble encountered was a shortening of

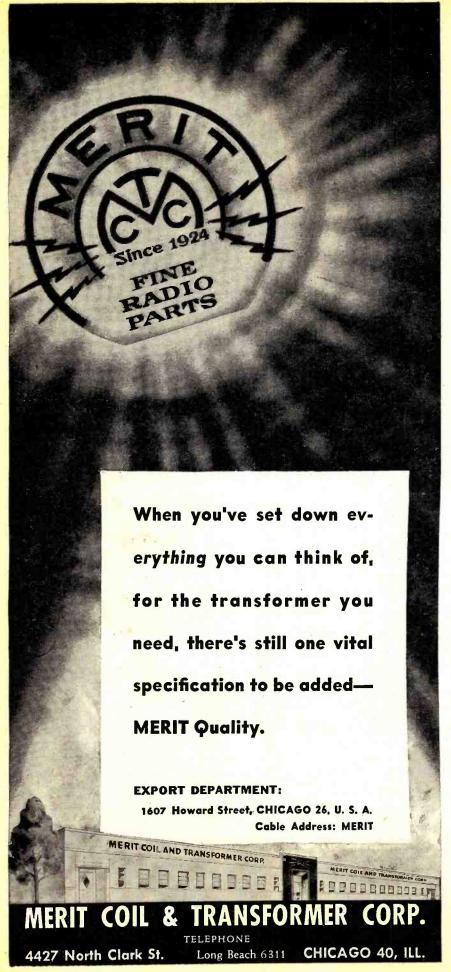
the efficiency of its batteries owing to the unusual conditions. . . . Another movable that performed well was the SCR 536, better known as "handietalkie," which saw some service, but not as much as might be expected. It had a maximum range of half a mile but since Little America was based on an ice cap extending scores of miles in all directions, hand signals were used more often than not. . . . Other equipment included the handgenerator transceiver SCR 694, the Navy TBW high- and low-frequency transmitter, two TCS high-and-low receivers, the high frequency AN/ ART13 transmitters, used in the planes which based at Little America, and the v.h.f. transceiver AN/ARC-1. There were also RBC-2 and RBM-1 receivers to pick up long-distance stuff.

MAJOR TROUBLE ENCOUNTERED in the Antarctic was that installations were actually one hundred or more feet above the ground. Literally, you had to put them on ice. Result was that shielding was difficult, grounding impossible. Generators interfered constantly, sometimes with damaging effect. The noise level was high until batteries were substituted for generators wherever possible. Battery chargers were substituted, for instance, for d.c. motor generators. More elaborate shielding than normal was also used for the dynamotors.

**OTHERWISE TRANSMISSION was** clear and the entire area practically static-free. Sun-spot silences were more frequent. The only additional major difference that Lieut. Nichols noted was that anything you did took more time. It was more difficult to start gas engines, getting from one place to another in the snow was tough, and warm clothing and gloves interfered with rapid-fire work. follows that the lieutenant and his crew worked two 12-hour shifts and many of them were going eighteen or more. A couple of times, he worked clear around the clock. One thing that made you forget to go to bed was that it was daylight all the time. . . .

HAM RECEPTION at the South Pole, Lieut. Nichols reported, was "as clear as next door," and this was confirmed by another ham on the Highjump operation—Armory H. ("Bud")





#### SPOT RADIO NEWS

Waite, Jr. Mr. Waite was on the trip as a civilian observer for the Army Signal Corps, and it would have been difficult to pick a man with more experience. Formerly ham W2OAI (recently he's called at W2ZK) Waite joined the Navy in 1923 as a radio man and was with Byrd on the South Pole expedition in 1933-35, one of four operators who made the trip. In 1934 he ran "the world's southernmost station," KFY. He also tested winter equipment along the Alaskan highway in 1943 and set up facsimile and voice equipment for the invasion of France in 1944. Bud is a big anti-generator man himself as a result of his wide experience, but was along on the Highjump show only as an observer. He spent a lot of time at the 500-watt station two miles away from the main base and reports picking up anywhere you want to name with varying clarity. He logged more than a hundred ham stations during his stay.

RADAR AND V.H.F. were used for the first time in the Antarctic on the trip. Special airborne search radar was used on the twin-engine Douglas which flew from Little America. In the ships were v.h.f. receivers operating on a frequency of 140 mc., producing noise-free communications on lineof-sight ranges. Airborne also were radio altimeters and automatic direction finders. "Racon," portable radar beacons set up at either end of a runway which a radar operator in a plane picks up and uses to guide the pilot into the correct landing area when visibility is poor, was used, but only experimentally. It worked all right. So did another radar combinationdropping long strips of metalized paper "ropes" onto the ice and using the reflection obtained on the radar scope as a surveying marker. . . . All in all, radio worked successfully, and should prove a boon to future explorers of the Antarctic, according to these experts.

GETTING BACK to the U.S., latest word from the Federal Communications Commission is that the modified industry plan for short-distance mobile radio services, approved by FCC this spring, is being applied with apparent success. Although there are still some bugs in the program, FCC has allo-cated plenty of room for the units to operate. Other things being equal, the Commission predicts that everybody will get the service he wants as the program works out. A couple of words of warning were added, however; it will take about three years to get the program running smoothly all along the line; and certain short-distance services are still in an experimental

BIGGEST BOTTLENECK in the program was awarding additional frequencies. This the FCC has broken. Modified assignment has been made of



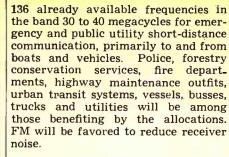
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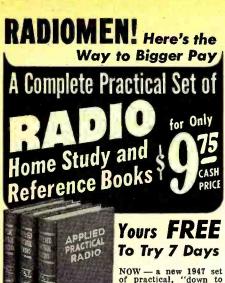
ALSO OKAYED are 166 additional frequencies higher in the spectrum-152 to 162 mc.—but here indications are that AM as well as FM will be used. AM works in these frequencies with almost a complete absence of natural static, electrical noise, and longdistance interference. Another important feature—a full sized antenna need be no longer than 18 inches. This is expected to prove a distinct advantage on both railroads and automobiles. . . . Although the FCC had previously allocated 60 of these 166 frequencies to the railroads, these 60 are now nailed down permanently for such use. Rails can therefore go ahead with long-term plans and a boom in railroad radio is expected to result.

FCC EMPHASIZED that while these frequencies are earmarked for "urban mobile" service, allocations to some specific services have not been permanently determined as this goes to press. Taxicab radio, and radio telephone service to automobiles, planes, and boats, for example, are still considered either experimental or developmental. Also the question of shared use of certain frequencies between relay broadcast stations and other classes of stations is a "matter of continued study." FCC will "discourage" any increase in "point-to-point radio stations operating on these frequencies to provide short-distance toll telephone service where wirelines are not available." The Commission adds that present installations of this type will be permitted to continue operation. But no new ones will be approved except "on such higher frequencies commonly termed microwaves." All new allocations became effective May 15.

SALES ARE BOOMING all along the radio front, according to latest word from the Radio Manufacturers Association. Significant because, by implication, it means that there will be a parallel demand for receiving sets, is the RMA survey indicating that manufacturers of broadcast transmitters received orders for \$26,476,087 worth of transmitter and studio equipment from broadcasters in 1946. A total of \$6,491,067 worth of orders were delivered. . . . The RMA survey, made among its members, showed that more than half of the orders, dollar-wise, were for AM stations. The rest were split evenly between FM and television. Sales billed for AM equipment represented about three-fifths of the total deliveries, also dollar-wise, while total television sales exceeded those of FM stations. This is attributed to the higher cost of television transmit-

LOOKING AHEAD RMA sees a record year for 1947 in set production. FM will play a leading role. Manufacturers are planning to produce approximately 2,600,000 FM receivers during the year, RMA's survey shows. although the majority will be AM-FM consoles due to higher FM manufacturing costs. The figure, it should be added, is a top estimate. A special RMA committee on FM takes a more cautious view, estimating that the production will be between 1,800,000 and 2,100,000. They explain the lower figures on the grounds that they anticipate production troubles before the end of the year. The Association confirmed FCC Chairman Charles R. Denny's forecast that there will be 700 FM stations on the air by the end of the year, and emphasized that radio manufacturers are as eager to keep production up with demand as are the broadcasters. But manufacturers must also serve the needs of AM broadcasters and their millions, it was pointed out. Publicity by some FM broadcasters advising listeners not to buy a radio set unless it has an FM band the manufacturers regard as "destructive to FM." Pointing out that it has taken some 25 years to develop today's AM programs and public, RMA stated that "it is obvious that the creation of such an audience for FM will take some time." Before that is accomplished, it will benefit both AM and FM if present AM listeners are given the best that the manufacturers can offer.

FM PRODUCTION, regardless of the round-figure predictions, is no cinch, the manufacturers emphasize. "Volume production of FM receivers takes plenty of engineering and production know-how," they state. "While the set manufacturer is integrating FM in his over-all program, he must maintain volume production in his plants to afford an FM organization. Without AM volume production, FM costs would be sky-high." Last year FM "lost millions of dollars" for manufacturers. Reconversion, supply shortages, and lack of trained labor tended to slow FM production. Improvements began showing early this year, and large-volume production is now well underway. . . . Breakdown of production trends indicates that biggest 1947 volume will be in AM-FM console models with phonographs—more than 1,500,000. Second largest volume will come in the AM-FM table models retailing over \$50—some 800,000. An estimated 43,000 AM-FM's will retail for less than \$50, and the rest of the total production will be covered by some 70,-000 AM-FM consoles without phono-(Continued on page 154)



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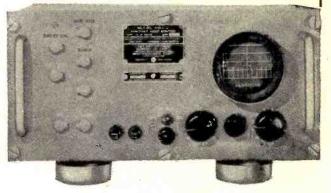


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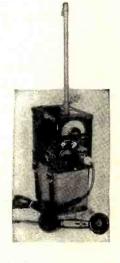


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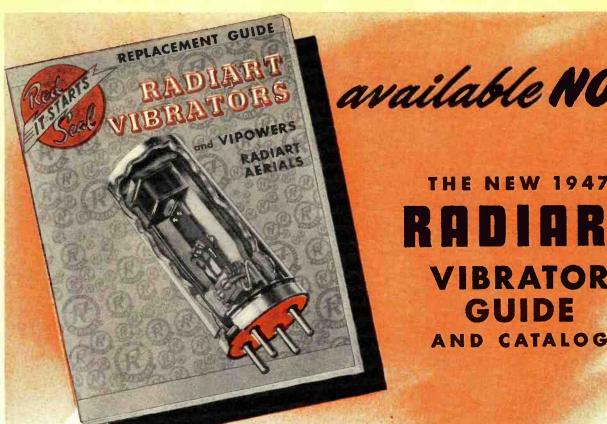


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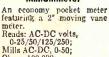
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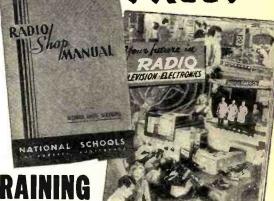
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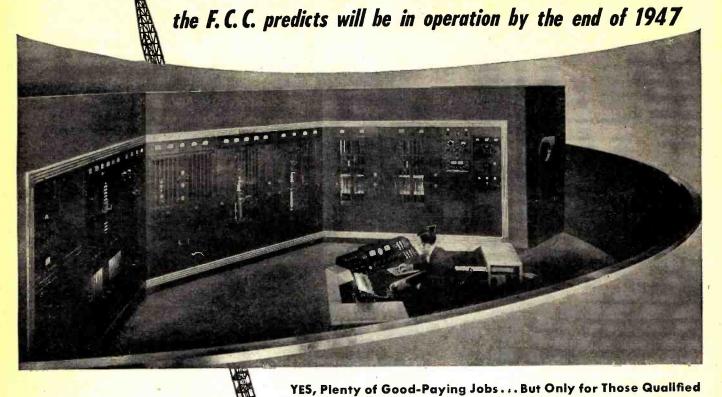
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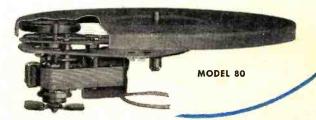


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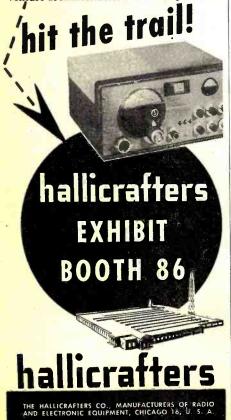
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# Within the INDUSTRY

GARRARD MOUNTJOY has been named chief radio engineer for the Strom-

berg-Carlson Company of Rochester, New York.

Mr. Mountjoy formerly held the post of president of Electronic Corporaation of America after heading the license consulting



section of the *RCA* license laboratory.

During the war he assisted in the development of the loran system of navigation and other allied radar projects.

KENNETH C. PRINCE, executive secretary of the Association of Electronic Parts & Equipment Manufacturers, has announced that two Inter-Association Golf Tournaments have been scheduled for the Chicago area this

Reservations have been made with the Edgewood Valley Country Club to hold the first tournament on Friday, June 20th, while the second meet will be held at the Elmhurst Country Club on Friday, August 29th.

The tournaments are being sponsored by the Electronic Parts & Equipment Manufacturers, the Chicago Chapter of the National Electronic Distributors Association and the Chicago Chapter of "The Representatives" of Radio Parts Manufacturers, Inc.

EASTERN AMPLIFIER CORPORATION has announced several new appointments which are of interest to the trade.

S. K. Lackoff has joined the organization as chief engineer of the company while Gerson Lewis has been named executive assistant to Leon Alpert, vice-president and general manager of *Eastern*.

Walter B. La Chicotte will assist K. Streuber in the export division of the company.

**SOLA ELECTRIC CO.** has opened a New York sales office which is staffed with factory trained personnel and provides direct factory wire service.

The new sales office is located in the Hudson Terminal Building, Room 571, at 50 Church Street, New York 17, New York.

The company's plant is located in Chicago.

ALLIED CONTROL COMPANY, INC. of New York, manufacturers of relays, has sold its Chicago plant to the General Transformer Company and the

equipment and personal property to S. L. Winternitz & Co.

Allied relays will now be manufactured at the company plant in Plantsville, Conn., while sales will be handled from the present general sales offices located in New York City.

JOE MARTY, JR. has been named Manager of Admiral Corporation's Parts & Accessory Division.

In his new position, Mr. Marty will also act as assistant to Richard A. Graver, vice-president in charge of radio. For the past year, Mr. Marty has been serving as a field engineer for the company.

Prior to joining Admiral Mr. Marty was Associate Editor of Radio News. He was organizer and executive secretary of the Radio Servicemen of America, a national association of radio men.

B. C. LANDIS is Solar Capacitor Sales Corp.'s new industrial distributor rep-

resentative in the metropolitan New York and northern New Jersey territory, according to a recent announcement.

Mr. Landis has been well known in the radio parts in-

the radio parts industry for the past 20 years, during 18 of which he was connected with the *Burgess Battery Company*. He has served as Eastern Division Manager for *Burgess* for the past seven years.

In his new position, Mr. Landis will maintain an office at 1472 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

J. O. SCHOCK has recently been appointed Sales Manager for *The Joyner Corporation*, Chicago manufacturers of a line of electrical and mechanical products and coils.

Mr. Schock is well known in Midwestern radio circles, having been a representative of the Navy Department to various manufacturers and component companies during the war.

He will maintain offices at the company's plant at 462 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago 44, Illinois.

sylvania Electric Products Inc. has recently begun an intensive consumer advertising campaign on behalf of the radio servicemen in America and to stimulate the sale of replacement tubes for home receivers.

The campaign, which is sponsored by the Radio Tube Division of the company, will attempt to counteract

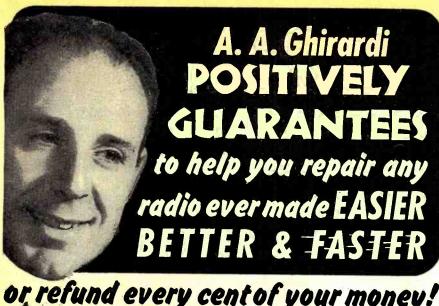
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COLLINS RADIO COMPANY of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has completed installation of broadcast equipment for station KKLA, the new Los Angeles FM outlet.

Operating with a 10 kw. Collins transmitter, the new station, which is owned and operated by the Echo Park Evangelistic Association, will transmit on 93.7 mc. with an effective radiation power of 48 kw.

WILLIAM J. ROOKE has been named Director of the newly organized Service

Department for the Hammarlund Mfg. Co. of New York.

This new service department supersedes the former repair department and is designed to extend field service to all parts of the



country for hams and other users of the company's equipment.

Mr. Rooke, who served as a Lt. Commander in the South Seas during the war, is an old-time ham, having operated his own station, W2LC, in the Bronx since 1921. He served as commanding officer of a communications unit on Guadalcanal and was responsible for establishing radio transmitting equipment on enemy-held islands to guide fleets of navy and marine bombers.

Mr. Rooke will make his headquarters at the Hammarlund plant in New York City.

G. & E. EQUIPMENT SUPPLY has moved into their new quarters at Ogden Avenue and Fulton Street in Chicago.

Their new location will provide 20,000 square feet for the display and merchandising of refrigerators, electrical and radio parts.

INSULINE CORPORATION OF AMERICA has recently extended its manufacturing activities to Canada with the opening of their new branch plant, Insuline Corporation of America (Canada) Ltd. located at 9500 St. Lawrence Avenue. Montreal, Quebec.

Geared for production of the company's complete line of radio-electronic products, auto radio antennas and accessories, the Canadian branch will service the Canadian trade.

Sni-Dor Radioelectric, Ltd. will act

as exclusive ICA sales representatives for the Canadian territory. The company has headquarters in Montreal,

FEDERAL TELEPHONE AND RADIO COR-PORATION has begun the production of home radio receivers in their new quarter-of-a-million square foot plant at Harrison, New Jersey.

Operating as the new home of the Consumer Products Division of the company, the new plant will house the manufacturing and administrative

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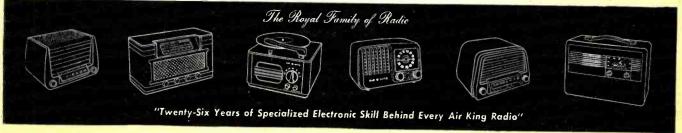
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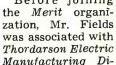
WELLS SALES, INC. has moved their general offices and showrooms to a new location at 320 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The showroom, which contains approximately 8500 square feet of space, is being used to display radio and electronic parts and equipment. Convenient "serve yourself" racks have been set up along with specifications, ratings and prices to facilitate buying of equipment by manufacturers, distributors, and amateurs.

A. "BUD" FIELDS has been recently named to the post of Assistant Sales

Manager for Merit Coil & Transformer Corp. of Chicago, Illinois.

Before joining



vision and Bell & Howell Company.

In his new position, Mr. Fields will act as general assistant to John I. Crockett, Jr., Sales Manager, and will have direct charge of sales for the company in the Chicago area.

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RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA'S Test and Measuring Equipment Section has recently inaugurated a series of technical training courses on the use of laboratory measuring equipment.

The first session was open to 42 RCA Eastern distributors' representatives who attended a special five-day

Additional courses are planned for other sections of the country in the near future.

ILLINOIS CONDENSER CO. of Chicago has instituted a new "Get-Acquainted Plan" for the benefit of radio service-

Under the terms of the plan, the company is offering a choice of either a 20µfd., 150v. or an 8µfd., 450v. condenser which will be mailed upon receipt of 15 cents in stamps to cover mailing and packing costs.

Orders for the condenser and a copy of the company's latest catalogue should be sent to Illinois Condenser Co., 1614 N. Throop Street, Chicago 22, Illinois. The name of your local jobber must accompany your order.

RAYTHEON MANUFACTURING CO. has announced the removal of its Broadcast Equipment Division from Chicago to the company's main plant at Waltham, Massachusetts.

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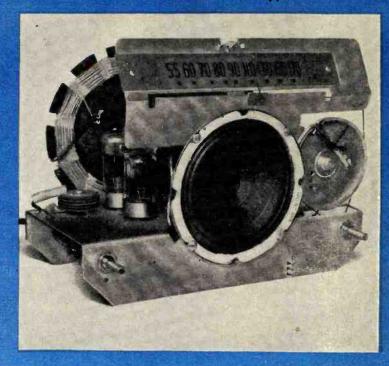
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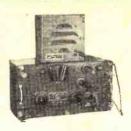
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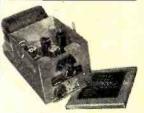
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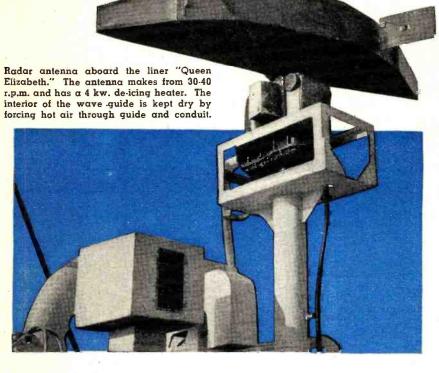
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RADIO NEWS

# From a Tiny Acorn Grew a Mighty Oak



Eye-witness account of the first radio-telephony ship to shore transmission in 1907. Scientific marvels now used aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" reflect 40 years' progress.

HEN the luxurious ocean liner Queen Elizabeth made her recent maiden peacetime voyage across the Atlantic Ocean she was proudly acclaimed the most modernly equipped vessel to ever sail the seas, the ultimate triumph of science in the field of safety, service, and convenience.

On this trip there was no cause for its passengers or crew to have the slightest fear of encountering a disaster similar to that which, a generation ago, befell the ill-fated Titanto when this palatial steamship was cutting its first pathway over the same treacherous sealane. Then, suddenly, and without warning a moun-

tainous iceberg loomed across the ship's path. A great white wall of ponderous, immovable ice. The next instant there was a terrific broadside crash...and the smashed Pride of the Sea sank quickly carrying 1517 defenseless human beings to a watery grave.

Such a tragedy could not happen to this latest maritime marvel as she is forearmed against that possibility by being equipped with the modern miracle of "radar." This newest creation of-electronics gives to the ship's navigator the power to "see" on the darkest night with this magical gift of constant, clear, unerring vision. The ability to pierce the thickest fog; to

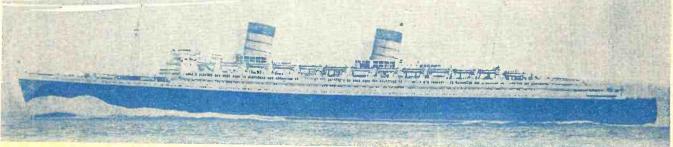
By FRANK E. BUTLER

peer through the fiercest storm; to accurately spot any floating derelict or lurking, dreaded berg in the ice-infested regions of the ocean is given the modern navigator through radar.

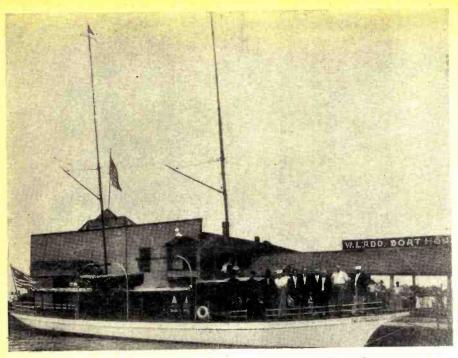
Located high above the wheelhouse of the ship, where seawinds swirl with hurricane velocity and force, is mounted the "radar scanner" perched as a sentinel of safety, radiating unvarying and invisible radio waves; rotating forty times every minute; and casting its searching eyes in many different directions every sixty seconds.

But how? How, in the vernacular of the non-technical reader, does "radar" work? Upon what principle does it operate? It is quite simple! It is not new. It is merely an application of an advanced theory of echo and reflection. As a child roaming in the woods you probably recall the times when you shouted toward a cliff or a high hill. Sound waves echoed back. From the time interval and the returning echo's direction, you could locate the cliff. It's the same with radio waves as with sound waves. Radio waves echo too. The difference between the two is that "radar" uses radio waves to locate targets or obstructions at far greater distances and with far greater speed and precision than is possible with sound waves. Like a questing searchlight "radar" sprays all surrounding areas with sharp bursts of radio energy of ultra-high frequencies of the order of 9,000,000,000 cycles per second. When compared to normal radio broadcast frequencies of around one million cycles per second, you can fully appreciate the scope of such transmissions.

Radar waves are tailored and timed to an infinite degree, precisely shaped and accurately spaced. Their focused beam is narrowed to only two degrees in the horizontal plane in order to obtain good definition of objects, and fifteen degrees in the vertical plane so that rolling or pitching of the ship will



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The yacht "Thelma" from which the first radio-telephony ship-to-shore transmission was made. Dr. Lee deForest is shown second from the right while the author, Frank E. Butler, appears sixth from the right in the group.

not cause the beam to miss objects. The radar energy is transmitted in pulses lasting but one-half of a millionth of a second and one thousand of these pulses are transmitted and the "echo" received each second.

As these radio pulses echo back, radar "listens" for each one. Then, electronically, all merge as a glowing pattern on a fluorescent screen to reveal distant and near objects. Radar waves can flash across the Atlantic Ocean in less time than sound can cross the street. Each radar flash must be extremely short and sharp or it would blanket its own returning echo. Each pulse must be of dazzling brilliance and strong power for at best its echo is very weak. The intensity of each flash is many times that of the brightest sunlight as the radio waves themselves are measured to approach the wavelength of light, while the responding echo is far less than the luminescence of a firefly. Thus does radar circumscribe itself within the wide range between MIGHT and mite. Its transmitter may be said to erupt volcanic "might" while its receiver or "eye," located only inches away, is a masterpiece of "mite" sensitivity and electronic intricacy.

In order to prevent the powerful transmitter from wrecking the delicate receiving "eye," the receiver is designed to blink — like an eye. In other words, when the transmitter sends out its blinding flash, the nearby "eye" blinks shut, much the same way as a human eye behaves subconsciously. Then, after the merest split second, it pops wide open ready to receive the almost imperceptible fleeting

No physical thing, large or small can escape this all absorbing mesh of criss-cross barrage to do any destructive work. No floating or soaring object can escape the eagle eye of radar nor obstruct its recording on the electronic glass disc in front of the pilot. Every tireless pulse is reproduced visually in the form of a small glowing spot, accurately prescaled to actual conditions of distance, size and bearings within a range of from fifty yards to twelve miles distant, at sea level. This means that any object, such as ships, buoys, wrecks, icebergs or even coast lines appearing within range will instantly be detected and recorded on the bridge, thereby providing ample time for safeguarding and controlling the course of the ship.

Aboard the Queen Elizabeth is also installed the largest floating broadcasting station ever conceived or operated. It consists of four high power transmitters which effectively cover the short-, medium- and long-wave bands of radio transmission. Each is remotely operated from a central control room, permitting the simultaneous transmission and reception of Morse telegraphic code, automatic high speed recordings, wireless teletype, radiotelephone calls, broadcasting programs and safety signals.

To talk to a person in any part of the world where there is a telephone exchange, a passenger on the Queen Elizabeth has only to pick up his ivory colored cradle telephone conveniently located at the bedside in his cabinplace the call in the ordinary manner and be "connected" quite as easily and quickly as dialing a local telephone number at home. Likewise, they may talk to passengers on other ships at sea which are likewise equipped for wireless telephonic service, or to transoceanic airplanes. In addition, passengers may hear their favorite radio programs as they emanate from transmitters in the United States or any other country. Compact, self-powered radio equipment is provided for lifeboats in case of disaster at sea, and finally, a radio direction finder or electronic compass is located on the bridge to guide the ship safely to its intended

All of these aforementioned branches of service and convenience are merely a part of an ever-growing electronic "oak" which has sprouted from an "acorn" known as the common radio tube like that used in every home receiving set. These modern miracles of electronics have been accomplished within the past 40 years, practically since the catastrophe of the Titanic, yet with all of these great scientific achievements; all of the glory and advantages associated with each new discovery . . . none of them, singly or collectively, can approach in importance, drama, and stature the humble beginning when, for the first time, man bridged etheric space with the human voice by "talking ten miles from ship-to-shore by wireless telephony"-a feat which laid the foundation of our present-day, world-wide instant communication system.

Entirely unheralded and quite without fanfare in its enactment, an event

#### THE QUEEN ELIZABETH-A BIG SHIP WITH A HEART OF RADIO

The Queen Elizabeth, the world's largest passenger ship, carries the most modern radio installation aboard any ocean-going liner. Specially-installed communications equipment aboard the giant liner provides complete contact with the entire world by means of radio-telephone and radiotelegraph.

The ship's radio station is divided into two locations. The main office, situated approximately amidship on the sun deck, is the centralized control point for the whole station and contains all the receiving, telephone network, and transmitter control equipment. The main ransmitters, four in number, covering short, medium and long-wave, are housed in a separate room on the same deck just forward of the mainmast, about 250 feet from the main control room. All transmitters are remotely cohtrolled from the main control office. This subdivision permits the simultaneous transmission and reception of messages, the handling of radiotelephone calls, yet allows the observation of safety precautions to proceed independently and without interference.

One of the outstanding features of the whole installation is the elaborate radiotelephone system whereby first class passengers may pick up their bedside telephones and call any country

whose telephone service is connected to an in-ternational exchange. Calls may also be made to passengers on other ships which are equipped with radiotelephone.

with radiotelephone.

A specially designed all-wave receiver is installed in the main control room for the reception of broadcast programs and their rediffusion throughout the ship, irrespective of any transmission that may be taking place on the main equipment.

main equipment.

The magic of radar navigation is available to the skipper in the form of two radar units, which are installed aboard the luxury liner. The newer equipment was installed when the ship was refitted for civilian service. It is an experimental model Cossar radar designed specifically for merchant ship application. Its simplified operation does not require the services of a trained radar operator. operator.

radar operator.

Another valuable aid to navigation aboard this floating luxury hotel is a complete Loran system of standard U. S. military design supplemented by British Gee equipment for determining the liner's position precisely at short ranges. A Bludworth Marine supersonic depth. Indicator for navigational aid in shoal waters rounds out the giant liner's "heart" of electronic equipment.

occurred in July 1907 on the privately owned yacht "Thelma" at Put-in-Bay, Ohio on the shores of Lake Erie, at the site of Commodore Perry's victory over the British fleet; an incident as viewed from the vantage point of 1947 and compared with the scientific marvels now daily used aboard the Queen Elizabeth looms as one of the great landmarks of human progress.

The occasion was the trying out for the first time, both the newly perfected radio tube and the first wireless telephone (now known as radio) by its inventor Dr. Lee deForest and his chief assistant Frank E. Butler. Their attempt at the time was to "cover" and report the races of the Annual Regatta of the Interlake Yachting Association; the plan being to install a wireless transmitter and receiver aboard the "Thelma" and another similar outfit at a point on shore. Then, as the yacht steamed a wide swath alongside the racers at a permissible distance, the observers aboard the yacht could "talk to land," giving the time, speed and location of contestants as each one rounded the judge's stake of the prescribed seven-mile triangular racing

The yacht was a trim little cruiser with a wooden hull, having an over-all length of 72 feet.

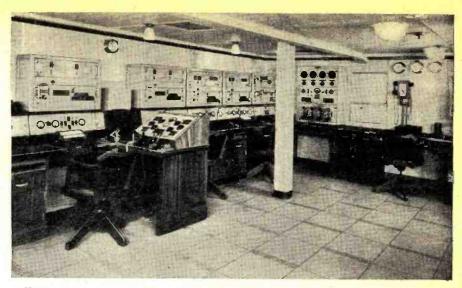
Both the foremast and mainmast required lengthening in order to obtain sufficient height for antenna function. The hull being of wood presented a major obstacle, because the obtaining of a suitable "ground" was of the utmost importance. Numerous methods were employed, but all resulted in failure.

The races were scheduled for one day hence. Reporters for magazines and newspapers were there, as were prominent yachtmen from the five Great Lakes. Critical and doubtful eyes were upon deForest and Butler. Their claims were questioned, the allknowing classified these two experimenters as "crackpots." After all the only basis these two fellows had for expecting or believing that wireless telephony was practical or even feasible was their own recent personal experience in "talking wirelessly" between one room and the next in their improvised attic laboratory in the Parker Building, New York, where the radio tube had been born only a few months previously.

On this last day, before the races, these men had sweltered in the intense July sun on the hot deck of the boat feverishly working to get the crude apparatus working. Every test failed. Both were completely exhausted, mentally and physically. Butler, wavering with discouragement and despair, so expressed himself:

"Well Doc! I guess we're licked this time. We can't send ten inches without a "ground" and we'll have to talk ten miles if we expect to cover the entire race course tomorrow. Surely that mahogany hull is no good for our purpose. There seems nothing we can do now."

"Listen boy!" replied deForest reas-



View of the main radio control room of the "Queen Elizabeth" through which are handled radiotelephone calls via New York and London to all parts of the world, radio programs for the United States and Great Britain, and radiogram messages to all countries. Designed and operated by the International Marine Radio Company Limited, an affiliate of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., the control room contains the most modern and complete merchant marine radio installation in the world today.

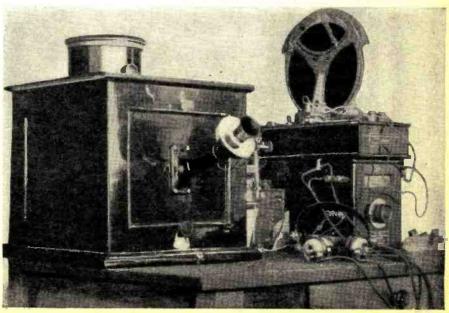
suringly as he glanced toward Lake Erie and pointed his finger in that direction: "Do you remember what Perry did out there and the slogan he won by? It was, 'DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP!' Well, we're not going to give up the 'Thelma' either . . . not for sentiment, nor looks nor any damn thing—except success. With this yacht we've got to win. It's our only chance. We have one more card to play, and only one. We'll stack all our chips on it; risk friendship, reputation and everything on the turn of the card, perhaps go to jail for it . . . I don't know. Now, here's my plan! Tonight, when the Commodore and his crew go up town to buy provisions and refreshments for their regatta visitors we'll say we're too tired to go. We'll ask to

remain aboard—alone—to 'rest.' Then when they are safely out of sight and distance we'll swipe that little craft of theirs. We'll steal and steam away with it. You run the Lacy engines. I'll handle the wheel and steer it. We'll take her a few miles down the lake to the east till we find a deep spot near shore; anchor her and then jump overboard and, in the light of the moon nail these two big 100 inch square pieces of heavy copper I just bought to the sides of the hull—below the water line. That, surely, will give us a good ground."

Butler gasped in amazement at such willful and wanton destruction.

"But Doc!" he remonstrated, "that card you're playing is from the bottom (Continued on page 106)

Original radiotelephone apparatus used on yacht "Thelma." The first transmission took place at Put-In-Bay on the shores of Lake Erie in July of 1907. This picture and the one appearing on the opposite page were reproduced from the original photographs which are today of great historical interest.



HE method of tuning a series of circuits to the same frequency is relatively well known to the radio art. Most high quality receivers use several r.f. amplifier stages simultaneously tuned to the same frequency by means of a single control. As long as the resonant frequencies of all circuits are identical, the problem is a relatively simple one. The designer provides a means for adjusting all inductances to identical values. A means is then provided for adjusting the fixed capacities across these circuits to an equal value. Having adjusted the inductance and fixed capacitance so that they are identical in each cir-cuit, perfect alignment or "tracking" will be obtained for all circuits providing all sections of the variable tuning capacitor are identical with each other throughout the entire tuning range.

If the circuits are permeability tuned, perfect "tracking" will be obtained as long as (1) the fixed capacitance is equal in each circuit, (2) all inductances are equal, and (3) the change in inductance is equal in each circuit as the position of the iron cores is changed.

The problem of single dial tuning

New method of providing tracking of tuned circuits in multi-band exciters with identical tuning capacitors.

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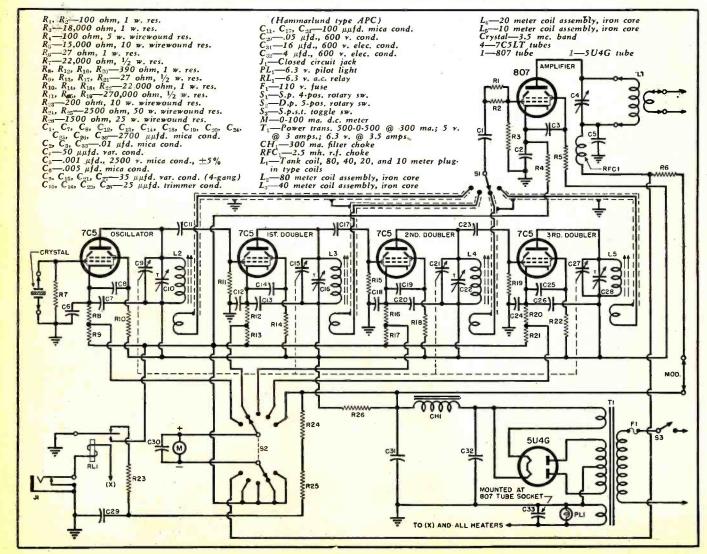
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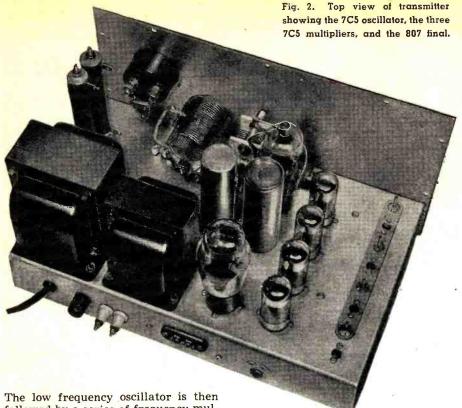
# MONO-SEQUENCE TUNING

of a radio transmitter is considerably more complex than is encountered in receiver design.

It is much easier to obtain good stability from an oscillator operating at a low frequency than from an oscillator operating at a high frequency. This is perhaps one of the main reasons why a low frequency oscillator is normally used in a radio transmitter.

Fig. 1. Schematic diagram for mono-sequence exciter. Iron core coils are used to permit adjustment of inductance.





followed by a series of frequency multiplier stages to obtain the desired output frequency.

A system incorporating a low frequency oscillator followed by successive frequency multiplier stages lends itself admirably for amateur services where it is desired to obtain output on any one of several harmonically related frequencies, such as 3.5 mc., 7 mc., 14 mc., or 28 mc.

The oscillator and multiplier circuits must be sharply resonated in order to obtain the highest efficiency. Since the oscillator and each multiplier stage operates at a different frequency, the conditions for single dial tuning as in a receiver, for instance, (where all circuits are tuned to the some frequency) do not apply. As an example, in a system where the oscillator must cover a frequency range of 3.5 mc. to 4 mc., the first doubler must cover a range of from 7 to 8 mc., the second doubler must cover a range of from 14 to 16 mc., and the third doubler must cover a range of from 28 to 32 mc. In this example, we find that while the first circuit covers a range of 500 kcs., the last circuit is required to cover a range of 4000 kcs. Also we find that if we wish to obtain r.f. energy at 3.5 mc., 7 mc., and 14 mc. as well as 28 mc., we must use a minimum of four tuned circuits, each of which must resonate at twice the frequency of its preceding stage, except in the case of the oscillator, which is generating the initial frequency.

One method of simulating single dial tuning without actually tuning all stages is to tune the oscillator only and use broadband amplifier techniques in the multiplier system. This method has some advantages, but un-

fortunately it also has many disadvantages. The efficiency of such circuits is relatively low, as compared to sharply resonant circuits. Larger tubes must be used with a resultant higher power requirement, if equivalent power output is desired. The gain per stage must be greatly reduced to prevent spurious oscillations. The fundamental oscillator frequency may be quite pronounced at any output frequency because there are no

sharply resonant circuits responsive to a single frequency or a very narrow band of frequencies to provide the desired filtering action.

Several systems have been developed in the past to provide for simultaneously tuning the oscillator and multiplier stages with a single dial. One system uses a gearing arrangement to provide a definite ratio of rotation between all variable capacitors. This system is rather costly, and cumbersome. It also requires the use of a gear chain essentially free from backlash.

Another system involves the use of dissimilar variable capacitors operated from a common shaft. again the production costs are excessive. The mechanical shaping of condenser plates is also a problem, and the ultimate result still leaves much to be desired.

The ideal solution is the mono-sequence tuning system.\* This system permits the use of identical variable capacitors in the oscillator and each multiplier circuit. There is no longer need for special gearing mechanisms, specially formed variable condenser plates, or special variable condenser sections of unequal capacity. With the mono-sequence tuning system, a series of stages operating at multiples of a common frequency may be tuned by one control as easily and as accurately as a series of amplifier stages operating on the same frequency.

All fixed capacities across each tuned circuit (tube capacities, wiring capacities, etc.) must be equalized, as in the case of the gang tuned ampli-Likewise each section of the variable tuning capacitor must be equal. The inductance in each stage is quite different, but may be calculated quite easily, using the standard

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Fig. 3. The modulator unit shown is a companion to the "Four-20" transmitter.



See U.S. Patent No. 2,388,233.



Whether you like it or not your servicing business success is in the hands of your housewife-customers. Learn to sell yourself and your service to the ladies.

HAT member of the family do you think uses the radio the most? If you need a hint, just consider at whom the greatest percentage of broadcasting time is aimed. Dad has his sports and mystery programs; Brother has his earlyevening adventure serials; and Sister can usually search around until she finds a dance band; but at whom are the soap operas, participation shows, interviews, and home-making programs directed? You guessed it. The housewife is the Mrs. Big of radio.

By the same token, she is the mostimportant person to the radio serviceman. Whether you like it or not, you are servicing the majority of your sets for the critical inspection of the lady of the house. If she likes you, you will get her work. If she does not, you will not; and the fact that you and her husband are bosom lodge brothers will not alter this in the least.

I can hear your hollow groans as this terrible fact is pressed home upon you, and I know exactly how you feel. You are remembering Mrs. A. who always insists that her radio needs a new carburetor, or you are thinking of Mrs. Z. who did not mince words in saying that if you really knew your business you would be able to take the summer static out of her radio, at least while the World Series was being played.

Women are difficult to do radio service for, chiefly because they are not mechanically minded. When you try to explain to them the practical limitations of their a.c.-d.c. midgets, such explanations are interpreted as fumbling excuses to cover up lack of ability. What is worse, their idea of good service embraces considerably more than the return of the receiver to its original operating condition. They expect you to combine the skill of the cabinet maker and the dirt-

abhorring fervor of a Dutch housewife along with your incidental knowledge of radio theory. Finally, they have the exasperating habit of expecting as a matter of course little 'extras" of service that a man would cut off his hand before expecting.

Still, if a woman is pleased with your work, she is the best little old advertiser you could want. She will take great pride in telling her bridgeclub, sewing-circle, or church-group just how she discovered the most wonderful serviceman, and she will likely be so carried way with this discovery that she will embroider your good qualities a wee bit. When it comes to that most valuable "wordof-mouth" advertising, the talkative sex cannot, must not be ignored.

And really, fellows, if you grit your teeth and buy aspirin in the big money-saving bottles, trying to please women is not so bad. Just remember that they are human beings like anyone else except that they are a trifle eccentric and have to be humored. For instance, everything is personal as far as a woman is concerned. She does not care a snap of her fingers about your training, experience, and equipment. What she notices is simply how you handle her receiver.

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## The Sweep-Frequency

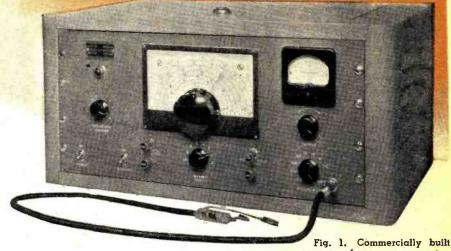
## SIGNAL GENERATOR

These test instruments are particularly useful for observing the frequency response characteristics of i.f. and video amplifiers.

#### By ROBERT ENDALL

N THE DESIGN, development, and servicing of most types of electronic apparatus, one of the major factors in the final preparation of the equipment for actual use is the alignment of the various circuits of the equipment to insure that they have the desired frequency characteristics. Conventional methods of obtaining frequency response and bandwidth measurements are slow and cumbersome, and consist mainly of taking point-to-point gain or output measurements at a number of selected points within the desired frequency range and plotting the results on a graph for observation. The disadvantages of this method will become especially noticeable when it becomes necessary to align large numbers of wide-band instruments, such as i.f. and video amplifiers for blackand-white and color television receivers. The alignment of television video amplifiers, where it is necessary to have good response over the entire frequency band from low audio frequencies to as high as 10 mc., is an extremely tedious process by conventional methods.

A method of obtaining frequency response characteristics which eliminates most of these disadvantages, is the use of a sweep-frequency signal generator to make possible visual observation of the frequency response on the screen of an oscilloscope. The sweep generator is a signal generator which produces a signal of constant amplitude, whose frequency varies periodically over the entire range of frequencies throughout which the response of the circuit is desired to be known. It is an extremely valuable instrument for alignment and general servicing. The output of a sweep generator for video amplifier testing should vary from about 100 kc. at the low end to 10 or 12 mc. at the high end of the band. (It is not necessary for it to supply frequencies below 100 kc., since the low-frequency response of video amplifiers is generally adjusted by observing the response of the amplifier to a low-frequency square-wave.) For i.f. and r.f. ampli-



fier measurement, the signal should If the output of the circuit, for in-

ner measurement, the signal should vary by ±5-6 mc. about a center frequency which is adjustable over as large a range as practical, to provide maximum flexibility in testing circuits at different r.f. and intermediate frequencies. With such a ±5 mc. (i.e. 10 mc. total) sweep width, it is possible to test both narrow-band receivers and wide-band television receivers. Generally the variable frequency sweeps from one end of the band to the other at a rate of 60 times per second, synchronized to the a.c. line frequency.

The basic setup for visual align-

ment by use of a sweep-frequency generator may be understood by reference to the block diagram in Fig. 2. The output of the sweep generator, which varies periodically from the lowest to the highest frequency at which the response is to be determined as indicated in the diagram, is applied to the input of the circut under test. The response of the circuit is observed on the screen of the oscilloscope by applying its output to the vertical input of the oscilloscope, and synchronizing the horizontal deflection to the rate at which the frequency of the input signal is varied. If the output of the circuit being tested consists of a rectified r.f. or video signal, it may be applied directly to the input of the oscilloscope amplifier, otherwise it should be rectified by a diode detecIf the output of the circuit, for instance a video amplifier where the response must be measured to 5 or 10 mc., were applied directly to the oscilloscope input, it would be necessary for the oscilloscope vertical amplifier to have good response up to the highest frequency used—10 mc., in this case. However, when the response is measured by first rectifying the output by a linear diode rectifier and observing the rectified output, the ordinary low-frequency oscilloscope may be used since now its amplifier need only be good enough to pass a 30-cycle square-wave satisfactorily.)

The manner in which the frequency response characteristic is formed on the face of the oscilloscope tube is illustrated in Fig. 3. The instantaneous frequency of the sweep-generator signal varies gradually from minimum to maximum frequency in exactly the same manner during each cycle. Since the horizontal deflection is synchronized to the rate of frequency variation of the sweep generator signal, as the spot moves across the face of the cathode-ray tube the frequency of the signal applied to the circuit changes gradually through the entire band over which the response is to be measured, and the same horizontal position on the cathode-ray screen will represent only one frequency. At the same time, this variable-frequency signal is applied at constant voltage to the circuit under test, and the instantaneous output of the circuit is fed to the vertical

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oscilloscope. (The reason for the use

of the diode detector is quite simple:

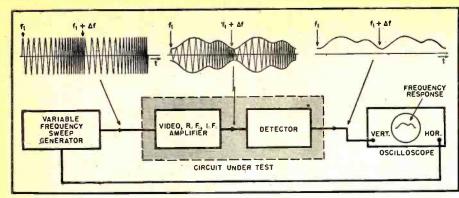


Fig. 2. Block diagram illustrates method of visual determination of frequency response by means of a sweep generator and an oscilloscope.

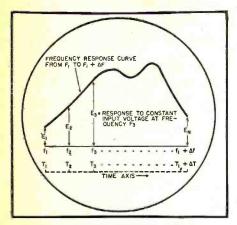


Fig. 3. Simulated formation of frequency response curve as it appears on the screen of the oscilloscope.

input of the oscilloscope. Thus the instantaneous vertical deflection of the spot for each horizontal position represents the relative response of the circuit at the frequency corresponding to that particular position. In other words, the picture on the oscilloscope screen is thus seen to represent the response of the circuit for constant input voltage at different frequencies, which is the frequency-response characteristic of the circuit.

By means of this method, the task of measuring the frequency response of any video, i.f. or r.f. circuit is tremendously simplified. The mechanics of performing a measurement consist merely of feeding the variable-frequency signal through the circuit to the oscilloscope, and the entire response curve over the desired frequency band (r.f., i.f., or video fre-

quency) becomes immediately visible upon the screen of the cathode-ray tube. One of the major features of this visual method of testing response is the rapidity with which the results of an adjustment may be determined, since the entire response curve is continuously visible.

The principles involved in the design, construction, and operation of the sweep-frequency generator should be of great interest to radio engineers, servicemen and technicians, who may expect soon to be making considerable use of this type of equipment. A block diagram illustrating the principles of operation of the sweep-generator is given in Fig. 4. This diagram summarizes the principles of operation of most of the different types of sweep generators which are commercially available at the present time.

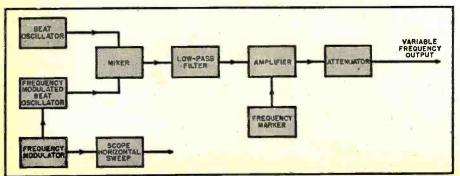
Because of several major considerations, the output signal is almost always produced in a beat-frequency type of circuit. Generally, the required bandwidth and frequency deviation are too great to permit tuning of the fundamental frequency of an oscillator. By use of the beat-frequency method the required tuning range of the variable oscillator and the percentage frequency modulation are considerably decreased, and are brought within practical limits. The frequencies of both oscillators are well above the highest output frequency of the instrument - the center frequency of the frequency-modulated oscillator is kept constant, and the frequency of the beat oscillator is adjustable so that the center frequency of the output signal varies over the desired signal range. Another important advantage of the beat-frequency principle is that the output voltage is much more easily kept constant over the entire output frequency range. (It should be noted, however, that in the design and construction of all beat-frequency oscillators it is necessary to take great care to minimize the relative oscillator drift, since if the two oscillators drift apart by a comparatively small percentage of their operating frequency, this drift will represent a much greater percentage variation in the signal output frequency.)

The periodic variation in output frequency is obtained by means of frequency modulation of the fixed oscillator. This may be accomplished by any of the standard methods of frequency modulation, depending upon the purpose for which the sweep generator is to be used and upon the design considerations of the individual instrument. In general, a tuning reactance is varied periodically, either by means of a reactance tube or by an actual physical variation of one of the elements. For simplicity in design, the variation takes place at a rate of sixty times per second, synchronized to the power line frequency.

The signals from the beat oscillator and the frequency-modulated oscillator are applied to a conventional mixer circuit, where the sum and difference frequencies are produced, Only the difference frequency is selected, by taking the output of the mixer through a low-pass filter. With suitable precautions in the design of the beat-frequency oscillator, the output is substantially constant over the entire frequency range. Since the beat-frequency output of the mixer is obtained at fairly low level, an amplifier may be included to raise the signal to a sufficiently high output level.

In all sweep-frequency signal generators, since there is no way of knowing accurately what absolute frequency is represented by each horizontal position on the cathode-ray tube trace, a marker whose frequency is accurately calibrated must be included in the design of the instrument to serve as a reference frequency. The simplest type of marker which can be used for a frequency reference is a calibrated, absorption-type, tunedcircuit wavemeter coupled into the output signal. There will then appear a dip in the amplitude of the sweep signal at the frequency to which the wavemeter is tuned, due to the absorption of energy by the tuned circuit. Another method of indicating a reference frequency is by superimposing the output of an oscillator of known frequency on the sweep signal. When the output of the marker oscillator is added to the variable frequency output, an interference pattern in the form of a slight pip is superimposed on the response curve where the two frequencies are equal, thus indicating the point on the curve which corresponds to the marker fre-

Fig. 4. Block diagram illustrates the principle of operation of the sweep generator.



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quency. The marker oscillator may be either a calibrated variable oscillator, or it may be a series of simultaneous oscillations (or their harmonics) at fixed frequencies throughout the range of the instrument. If the marker frequency is variable, the frequency corresponding to any point on the curve may quickly be determined by setting the marker until the interference pattern coincides with the point whose frequency is desired to be known, then reading the frequency directly from the marker calibration. If the reference oscillations are at fixed frequencies, the frequency corresponding to any point on the response curve is determined by interpolation between the two adjacent. known reference points.

#### Video Sweep Generator

The commercial sweep generator shown in Fig. 1 has been designed for use in testing video amplifiers, and has a sweep range of 100 kc. to 8 mc.

The sweep signal is produced by a beat-frequency oscillator consisting of a push-pull, frequency-modulated r.f. oscillator, and a 6SJ7 operating as a fixed-frequency, electron coupled r.f. oscillator and doubler. The signal produced by the frequency-modulated oscillator varies approximately from 42 to 50 mc., while the output frequency of the oscillator-doubler is 50 mc. Frequency modulation of the push-pull oscillator is accomplished by a vibrating condenser of special construction, at a sweep rate controlled by the frequency of the a.c. (usually 60 cycles).

Although the use of a mechanically vibrating component would at first seem undesirable in a piece of electronic test equipment, this type of arrangement is found to possess certain very definite advantages which make it more desirable to use in this case. The major advantage is that in addition to simplifying the circuit, the use of a moving variable condenser makes possible a much wider linear frequency modulation of the variable oscillator than is possible with a reactance-tube modulator. The heterodyne oscillators may then be operated at a much lower frequency, thus minimizing difficulties due to oscillator drift and "pulling-in" effects due to coupling between the two oscillators.

The signals generated by the frequency-modulated oscillator and the fixed oscillator are heterodyned to produce the sweep-frequency output signal, by a 6AC7 used as the mixer. The FM signal is applied to the grid, and the fixed oscillator to the cathode, thus generating in the plate circuit a beat-frequency signal which is constantly swept 60 times a second over the range .1-8 mc. The sweep-frequency voltage appearing in the plate circuit of the mixer is then amplified by means of a conventional video amplifier and cathode-follower output circuit to a sufficiently high output

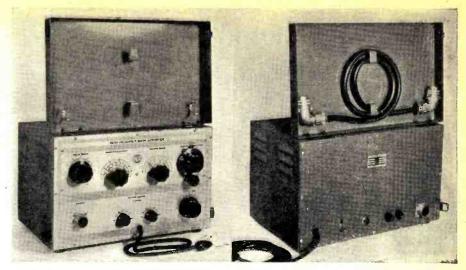


Fig. 5. An RCA high frequency sweep generator with its separate power supply.

level. An attenuator in the output circuit makes it possible to decrease the output to the desired level; by use of the attenuator, the output voltage can be varied in nine steps over a voltage range from .001 volt r.m.s. to a maximum of .85 volt r.m.s.

In order to measure accurately the voltage of the sweep-frequency output signal, a 6SN7 double triode is used as a detector and vacuum-tube voltmeter. The first section of the tube acts as a rectifier, the signal being applied to its grid through a coupling condenser from the output of the cathode follower. The second triode section together with the 0-200 microammeter and other associated components, forms the vacuum-tube voltmeter circuit. The output of the detector, in addition, may be used as a monitor for oscilloscope observation of the characteristics of the output signal voltage during testing of apparatus or when adjusting the sweep generator. (The

output of the detector appears for this purpose at the "Monitor Output" jacks on the front panel.)

Reference frequencies are obtained by means of the range marker circuit, which consists of a precision calibrated absorption-type wavemeter covering the over-all frequency band in seven ranges. The marker frequency, which serves as a reference point in the response curve on the screen of the cathode-ray tube, is calibrated according to the settings of the tuning condenser and is read on the dial in the center of the front panel.

The equipment also includes a blanking circuit in order to produce a zero-level reference base line in the oscilloscope pattern. Blanking is accomplished by applying a high negative voltage to the grid of the fixed oscillator tube to stop its oscillation every 1/120 of a second. This high negative control voltage is obtained by apply-

Fig. 6. High frequency signal generator built by the United States Television Mfg. Corp. The schematic diagram of this instrument is shown in Fig. 9.



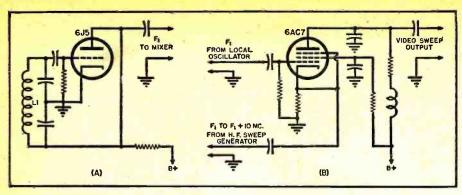


Fig. 7. Diagrams of the local oscillator and mixer shown in block diagram of Fig. 8.

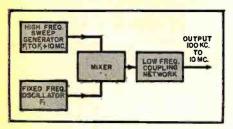


Fig. 8. Block diagram shows set-up by which a high frequency sweep generator can be used to produce a video sweep signal.

ing the 60-cycle voltage from the highvoltage secondary of the power transformer through a phasing network to the grid of a 6SQ7 tube, which is employed as a voltage amplifier and d.c. restorer. The positive voltage peaks of the 60-cycle voltage, applied to the grid, appear at the plate as a high negative voltage which, when applied to the grid of the 6SJ7 fixed oscillator, cause the plate current to be cut off

for 1/120 of a second and the oscillation to stop. When the oscillation stops, the sweep-frequency output signal disappears, thus causing the vertical deflecting voltage of the oscilloscope to be zero and the base line to appear. When the 60-cycle voltage is positive at the plate of the 6SQ7, rectification in the diode section of the tube restores the bias of the fixed oscillator to normal. Thus oscillations are resumed for another 1/120 of a second, and the full pattern of the signal under test appears on the oscilloscope. The application of the blanking voltage may be controlled by means of an "On-Off" switch on the front panel.

When using the sweep generator, the horizontal sweep of the oscilloscope should be a 60-cycle sinusoidal voltage accurately synchronized with the signal frequency variation. A voltage of variable phase, which may be used for horizontal deflection of the oscillo-

scope spot, is obtained by means of a separate transformer connected across the a.c. line with a variable resistance-capacitance phase-shift network across the transformer secondary.

In earlier video sweep generators, a motor-driven rotating condenser was used instead of the vibrating condenser used in this equipment. With this method the horizontal sweep of the oscilloscope could be synchronized by means of a small induction-type impulse generator which was directly coupled to the shaft of the sweep condenser and carefully adjusted to have the correct phasing and alignment with respect to the condenser. The periodic pulse thus produced controls the frequency of the oscilloscope sawtooth oscillator. A commutator which is also coupled to the sweep condenser shaft and accurately adjusted, enables cyclic suppression of the fixed oscillation when a zero-level base line is desired in the oscilloscope pattern. The more reliable and flexible electronic blanking and horizontal deflection circuits have now replaced this mechanical arrangement.

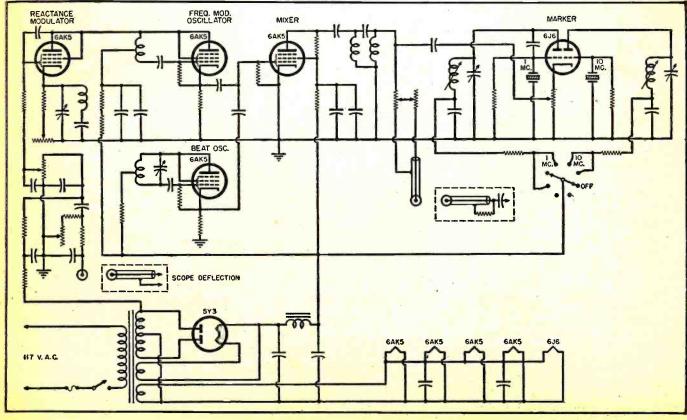
#### High-frequency Sweep Generators

The commercial equipment shown in Figs. 5 and 6 are high-frequency sweep generators for use in testing high frequency r.f. and i.f. circuits.

The sweep-frequency signal generated by the unit shown in Fig. 5 has a center frequency which is adjustable from 5 to 65 mc., and a frequency excursion adjustable from .2 to 20 mc. The circuit consists of two push-pull

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Fig. 9. Schematic diagram of the high frequency sweep generator shown in the photograph of Fig. 6.



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# R.F. Power Supplies

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This simple unit produces a high voltage, low current power source which is particularly applicable for use with cathode-ray tubes.

ADIO frequencies can be used to advantage to generate high voltages at low current for the anodes of cathode-ray tubes used in television, radar, oscilloscopes and for keep-alive voltages for T-R tubes.

This article will deal with a power supply of 1 to 1.5 kv. although supplies of this kind are practical on much higher voltages, such as 10 kv. and up. The regulation can be near 100% at low current drain and the efficiency can approach 100%. The circuit used is a modified Meissner oscillator and the frequency used is about 250 kc. Because the feedback is taken from the secondary, the circuit, if tuned, would oscillate with the grid or plate connections reversed, but one frequency of oscillation would be the low frequency and the other the higher, or about 280 kc. The lower frequency will produce lower output but is the most efficient and is the one to use. The 6V6 oscillator is operated at about two and one-half times cutoff and is quite stable. The filament of the 8016 diode <mark>rectifier is heated by r.f. picked up by</mark> the one turn loop placed over the primary coil. A larger choke would be better but since the bypass condensers used are a dead short to the frequency of oscillation, two and one-half millihenries will be satisfactory. The 6.3 volts for the filament and the "B plus" are taken from a source in the unit in which the power supply is to be used. A well regulated power supply is the best to use since a change in the "B plus" will change the output voltage. A variable potentiometer is usually used in this lead to adjust the output to a suitable value. Overcoupling of the primary  $(L_3)$  and secondary  $(L_2)$  gives a broad double-hump resonance curve (Fig. 1). As the load increases the initial operating point will move across the flat part of the curve towards the 280 kc. side. In other words the primary is peaked at approximately 250 kc. but the secondary is peaked at about 280 kc, and due to the overcoupling and the point of operation excellent output

Plexiglas or phenolic panels are used to mount all components.

regulation may be obtained over a limited range. The secondary  $(L_2)$  with its rectifier and capacities determines the operating frequency of the unit. The filter circuit consists of the two .003/1600 volt buffer condensers and the 100,000 ohm, 1 watt resistor. No ripple could be detected.

#### The Coil

The coil in this particular unit was so designed that no tuning of the primary was necessary for proper operating point.

Winding the coil is the hardest and most critical part of construction, although if a coil winder is available, with a little practice one can turn out a perfect coil each time. First mark off the spacings and wind on the three sections for the secondary. Be sure to

observe the starting position and get 125 turns on each pi; leave 6" leads. Now wind the primary pi of 120 turns and observe the starting position. Finally the grid or feedback winding is wound on one pi of 35 turns. The

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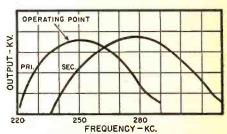
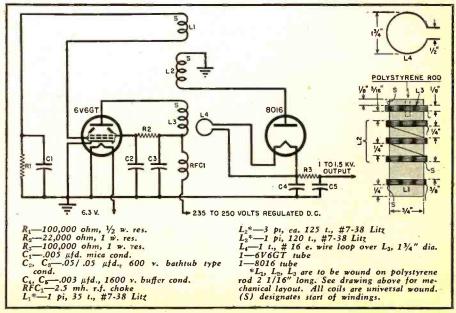


Fig. 1. Curve shows desirable doublehump effect resulting from overcoupling of primary and secondary coils.

Fig. 2. Schematic diagram and mechanical layout of coil assemblies for power supply.





Complete details for building your own phonograph oscillator. It will work with any standard receiver.

N THE life of every radio man there comes the sad day when someone asks, "Will you build me a phonograph oscillator?" When my best friend asked me this question I was in a very embarrassing position since my previous experience with these gadgets was nil. During the days of Chinese copying, trial and error, and frantic experimentation that followed, there was plenty of time to reflect on the shortcomings of radio as a career and myself as a radio man. The first model (two tubes) had poor fidelity, the second model (four tubes) had severe distortion, the fifth model (six tubes) had extreme distortion.

etc.!-etc.!! But the final result was an oscillator which was really good.

In spite of its inherent faults, the phono oscillator is a very nice gadget. It will enable any phonograph to which it is attached to be played through any radio without direct connection, merely by tuning the radio to the frequency of the oscillator's signal. This means that you can utilize the beautiful tone quality of your large console radio or the convenience of any small portable for enjoying recorded music with no changes whatever in the radio. This is especially nice for parties and dances since you need carry only a small phonograph lator built in) and use any available

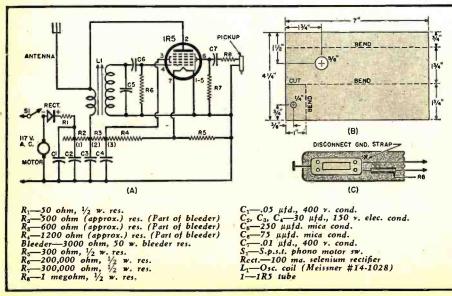
There are several requirements which a phono oscillator should meet. It is desirable that the unit should require no warm-up period in order that it may be used with automatic changers. It should be kept simple because the more parts, the more to get out of adjustment. Last, and most difficult, it should have fidelity-or lack of distortion. This means the modulation percentage must be kept low, and r.f. output kept high. But if modulation percentage is too low there will be an annoying hiss in the radio, and if the r.f. output is too high the FCC won't like it. Now the only problem is to combine these features in one phono oscillator.

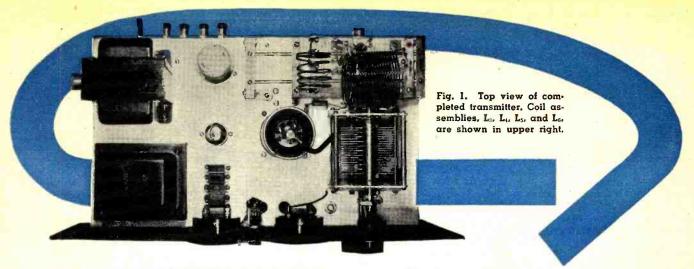
This phono oscillator meets these requirements quite nicely. The power supply circuit, shown in schematic diagram Fig. 1, incorporates the new Federal selenium rectifier, which requires no warm-up time. Since the instant heating 1R5 filament is supplied by the rectifier, the oscillator goes into operation as soon as the switch is turned. A single 3000 ohm, 50 watt bleeder is used as both filter resistor and filament dropping resistor, and is also tapped to provide 67.5 volts for the screen supply. Adequate filtering is provided by a three section 30 \( \mu fd. \) filter condenser. The third section of the condenser proved of more value at the screen grid tap rather than across the filament, as used in conventional circuits.

The oscillator circuit has been kept simple by the use of a single tube as a modulated oscillator. A Meissner 14-1028 oscillator coil, of the ordinary broadcast band, adjustable iron core variety, provides coverage over approximately 550-750 with the mica condenser shown. The value of this condenser may be changed to provide a different tuning range. Maximum modulation without distortion is insured by the voltage divider circuit formed by the one megohm resistor in series with the crystal pickup, and the 300,000 ohm audio grid leak. These values are not variable, since, due to its small output, the 1R5 should be

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Fig. 1.





# TRANSMITTER with EFFICIENT BAND SWITCHING

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There is no need for operator to go inside of this complete, single-package transmitter. Complete coverage from 10-80 meters, with all front panel controls, is possible. Features crystal switching, e.c.o. input, and all other trimmings without having to change coils.

RANSMITTER band-switching is both convenient and safe. Convenient because it does away with the load of plug-in coils usually necessary to cover several bands, and enables rapid band changing without acrobatics. Safe because it keeps the operator out of the dangerous innards of the rig.

But ordinary coil switching is notoriously inefficient. For this reason it is seldom used in amateur final amplifiers unless the operator is willing to sacrifice some of his precious plate watts. Amplifier plug-in coils accordingly linger with us even when the rest of the transmitter is switched. Oscillator and doubler stages are another story—a few lost watts in the exciter are of little consequence, since the power normally delivered is considerably more than the grid watts required by a modern final amplifier.

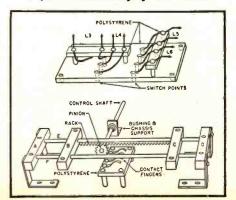
Sometime back, we cast about mentally for a band-changing system we could use in the final amplifier plate circuit. What we were after was a mechanism affording plug-in coil efficiency and although it would not be a selector switch, it would be manipulated by a front panel knob. We came up with the gear-driven coil carriage shown in the transmitter described in this article. The system is not new. It has been used for almost 10 years in the National NC series of receivers. But, to the best of our knowledge, it

has not been used before in a transmitter.

The coils are mounted in a sliding carriage which, being moved horizontally along rods or rails by a geared shaft extending back from the front panel, actually plugs one coil in and removes the other from the circuit. By using a large tuning capacitor, only two coils are necessary for 10-80-meter coverage, one covering the 80 and 40-meter bands and the other 20 and 10 meters. The mechanism is smooth acting and positive.

While we chose to apply our complete band-changing arrangement to a 2-stage 807 transmitter, the same scheme may be applied equally well to

Fig. 2. Mechanical arrangement of 807 amplifier band-changing mechanism.



a higher-powered rig, especially one employing a modern high-powered beam tube. It should be necessary only to use heavier contacts and coils in the amplifier band-changing mechanism in order to accommodate the higher d.c. plate current and r.f. tank current.

#### Amplifier Band-Changer

Mechanical details of the geardriven "coil carriage" of the output amplifier are shown in Fig. 2. A closeup photograph of the mechanism is shown in Fig. 6. The carriage may also be seen in Figs. 1 and 5.

The operating principle of the mechanism may be grasped by studying these photographs and Fig. 2. The control shaft, turned by a front-panel knob, operates a small pinion gear which engages a gear rack attached to the two bars (B and C in Fig. 2) to which the coil base is attached. This allows the coil base to be moved horizontally to the right or left over the four contact fingers. The latter are mounted just below the coil base on a polystyrene strip and they make contact with the coil switch points, or rivets, secured to the bottom of the coil base.

Parts A, B, C, and D are ½" x ½" x 3" brass blocks. E and F are brass rods, each ¼ inch in diameter and 9 inches long. Blocks A and D are drilled and tapped for set-screws which hold the two brass rods. Blocks B and C likewise are drilled for mounting screws for the coil base and provided with clearance holes for the brass rods. B and C also hold the gear rack. Blocks B and C (and the coil base assembly) travel along the two rods. The coil base is made of ¼-inch thick polystyrene, 6" x 3" in size. The two coils are mounted directly on polystyrene strips, ½" x 3" in size and

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these, in turn, are mounted on the main base by means of short metal studs. The contact fingers are flat springs of phosphor bronze bent into the shape shown in Fig. 2. The base on which they are mounted is made of ¼-inch thick polystyrene, 2½ inches long and 1 inch wide.

The drive shaft is ¼-inch diameter brass rod. The chassis-supported bearing through which it passes (See Fig. 2) is made from a small brass angle (dime store variety) and a standard radio panel shaft bushing. The brass pinion gear attached to the drive shaft is a standard catalogue item. It has 18 teeth, ¾" p.d.—½ inch diameter with hub. The brass rack is ¼ inch square, 24 pitch. A 6-inch length of this rack is used. The gear is catalogue number G-257 and the rack G-579 of Boston Gear Works (Boston, Massachusetts).

The coil switch points (See Fig. 2) were dug out of the author's junk box, having been used previously in a resistance decade box. These points may be obtained from radio hardware com-

panies; or, in their place, rivets or screws (fillister head or flat-top binding head) may be used. It is desirable, but not imperative, that both switch points and contact springs be silver plated. At any rate, the contact springs must be bent upward at a sufficiently high angle to insure tight, rubbing contact.

The coils  $L_3$  and  $L_4$  were made from some of the Barker & Williamson airwound inductor material which may be bought by the foot at radio stores. Two turns were removed in order to separate the celluloid-bound winding into singly-supported tank and link coils. If desired, these coils may be wound by hand.  $L_5$  and  $L_6$  were hand wound with No. 12 enameled solid copper wire.

It cost less than five dollars to build the entire amplifier band-changing mechanism.

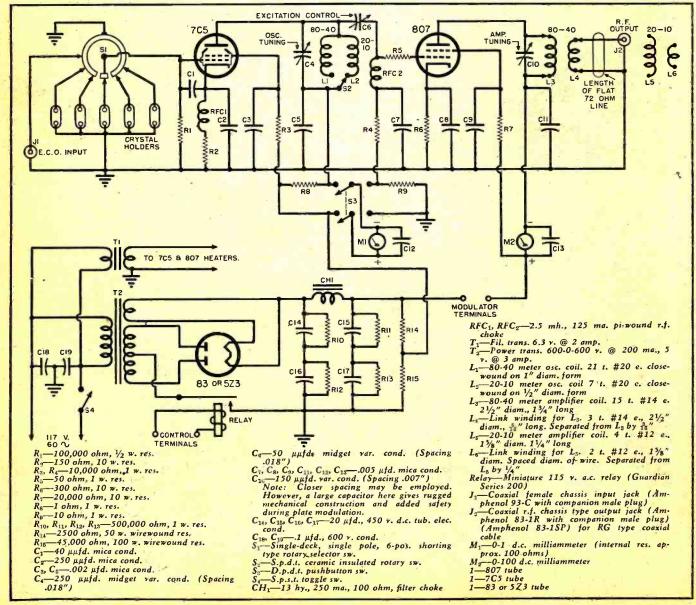
#### Oscillator Band-Changer

Small plate losses can be tolerated in the oscillator circuit, since the circuit used can be depended upon to deliver a lot more power than is required by the 807 amplifier. A coil switch ( $S_2$  in Fig. 3) consequently is used in this stage. By employing a 250  $\mu\mu$ fd. tuning capacitor ( $C_4$ ), only two coils are required, as in the amplifier, for 10 to 80-meter coverage.  $L_1$  covers 80 and 40 meters, and  $L_2$  20 and 10 meters.

#### **Excitation Control**

Proper operation of the 807, and its life as well, depend a great deal upon keeping its d.c. grid milliamperes to the values recommended by the tube manufacturer (3.5 milliamperes for c.w. telegraphy and 4 ma. for plate modulated telephony). For wide control of grid current, a variable coupling capacitor (C6 in Fig. 3) is provided as an excitation control. This component is mounted close to the 807 socket (see Fig. 7) and is rotated by means of a belt and pulley system (similar to the belt drive used on receiver dials). The belt and wheels, which may be seen in Fig. 7, allow the excitation control knob to be placed

Fig. 3. Circuit diagram of transmitter. All contacts on L<sub>9</sub>, L<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>5</sub>, and L<sub>6</sub> are in amplifier plate band-changing mechanism.



at the proper point to maintain front panel symmetry (see Fig. 4).

#### Crystal Switching and E.C.O. Input

Five crystal sockets are mounted on the chassis. These are selected by means of the rotary switch,  $S_1$ . In the extreme left-hand position of  $S_1$ , the 7C5 grid circuit is connected to the front-panel coaxial jack,  $J_1$ , for e.c.o. input. It will be noted that  $S_1$  is a shorting type switch. This makes possible the automatic grounding of all crystals not in use (and of all of the crystals when e.c.o. is being used), to prevent unused crystals from "taking off" accidentally.

#### Metering

It has already been mentioned that the 807 (and most beam tubes) is very fussy regarding its grid mils. Milliammeter, M<sub>1</sub> accordingly has been wired-in to "rest" normally in the 807 grid circuit. When the d.p.d.t. pushbutton switch,  $S_3$ , is depressed, however, this meter momentarily is switched to the 7C5 plate circuit for reading oscillator plate current. If a 0-1 d.c. milliammeter (with internal resistance of approximately 100 ohms) is employed, shunt resistor R<sub>8</sub> will convert the scale to 0-100 milliamperes for oscillator plate readings, and shunt resistor R, will convert the scale to 0-10 milliamperes for amplifier grid readings.

Meter  $M_2$  (0-100 d.c. milliamperes) is permanently connected in the 807 plate circuit.

Both meters are bypassed for r.f. Mica capacitors  $C_{12}$  and  $C_{13}$  are connected to the meter terminals at the meter by the shortest possible leads.

#### Chassis Terminals

The r.f. output of the 807 amplifier is delivered to a heavy-duty coaxial jack ( $J_2$  in Fig. 3) mounted on the back of the chassis. This jack is connected by means of a short length of Amphenol 72-ohm flat line to the contact fingers engaging the link-coil switch points. The jack may be seen in Fig. 7, and also the "line" extending through a grommet-lined chassis hole. A companion coaxial plug (see parts list of Fig. 3) fits into the jack and permits the transmitter to be linkcoupled, through a heavy-duty coaxial line (such as Amphenol RG 8/U), to a suitable antenna coupler, or coupled directly through such a line to the center of a doublet antenna. If the transmitter shown here is employed as an exciter, it may similarly be coaxially coupled to the grid tank of the succeeding stage.

The modulator terminals, also mounted on the rear lip of the chassis, are connected in series with the "B-plus" (plate and screen) line of the 807 stage for plate-screen modulation. When the unit is used as an exciter or as a c.w. telegraph transmitter, these terminals must be connected together externally by means of a jumper.

The control terminals are connected

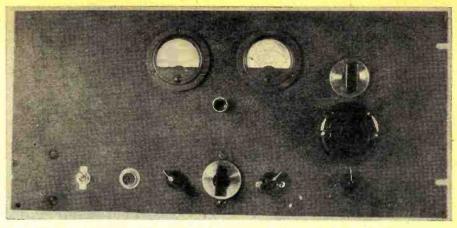


Fig. 4. Front panel view of transmitter. Controls from left to right along the bottom are: line switch,  $S_4$ ; e.c.o. input jack,  $J_4$ ; crystal switch,  $S_2$ ; oscillator plate tuning,  $C_4$ ; and oscillator band-change switch,  $S_2$ . Controls from top to bottom on right are: amplifier plate tuning,  $C_{10}$ ; amplifier band-change switch; and amplifier excitation control,  $C_6$ . Meter,  $M_1$ , is to the left and meter,  $M_2$  is shown at right. Switch,  $S_3$ , is placed in the center of the panel.

directly to the 115 volt a.c. coil of the "push-to-talk" relay. Line voltage fed to these terminals through a push-to-talk switch or pushbutton closes the relay to switch-on the plate and screen voltages to oscillator and amplifier.

#### Power Supply

The complete, self-contained power supply is shown in the lower left-hand corner of Fig. 3. Power supply may be seen on the chassis in Figs. 1 and 5.

A separate filament transformer,  $T_1$ , was employed by the author because the only power transformer available at the time had no 6.3-volt winding. However, this winding may be included on the main power transformer if the individual builder desires.

While both 5Z3- and 83-type tubes have been tested with excellent results in the transmitter shown here, some builders may prefer to use the newer, octal-based 5R4-GY rectifier tube in this capacitor-input filter circuit. This

tube is rated to give somewhat better results at 600 volts when a filter of this type is employed.

The  $\frac{1}{2}$ -megohm resistors,  $R_{10}$  to  $R_{13}$ , equalize the voltage drops across the individual electrolytic capacitors and insure their longer life. These resistors must be included.

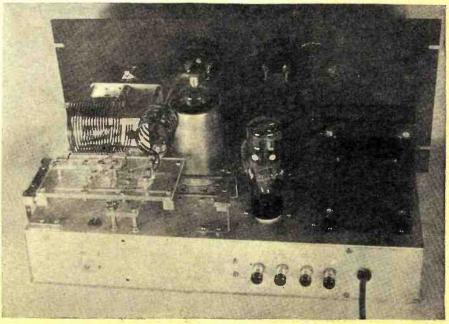
#### Operation

Without having resorted to any elaborate precautions, the entire transmitter has been found to perform in a cleancut manner—without parasitics and other faulty operations. The 50-ohm "suppressor" resistor,  $R_{\rm b}$ , in the 807 grid lead, and the aluminum 807 shield ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ " outer diameter and  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " height) take care of any instability in the amplifier stage.

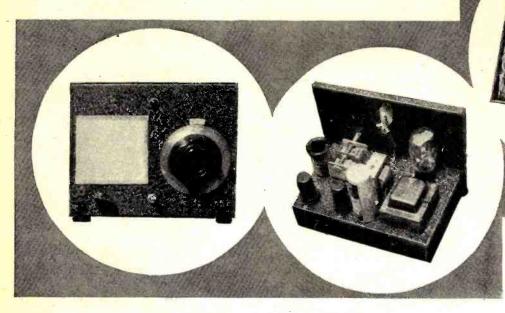
Both oscillator and amplifier plate tuning capacitors ( $C_4$  and  $C_{10}$  respectively) hit 80 meters at their high-capacitance settings and 40 meters at

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Fig. 5. Rear view of transmitter showing amplifier band-changing mechanism. The rear chassis flange mounts r.f. output jack, J<sub>2</sub>, and modulator and control terminals.



A Modulated R.F. SIGNAL GENERATOR



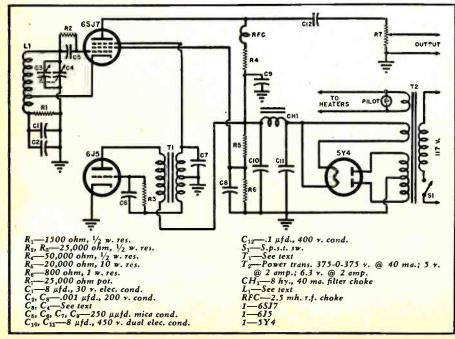
Three views of the home-built signal generator. Although the fundamental range of instrument is 425 to 1000 kc., harmonics of usable strength up to 30,000 kc. are available for receiver checking.

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This inexpensive signal generator, providing both audio and r.f. output, was built of junk box parts.

▼INCE a signal generator is still difficult to obtain and those available very expensive it was decided that one could be constructed of parts available in the junk box. However, if it proves necessary to purchase the parts the builder should. be able to secure these at a cost of about \$15. The generator thus constructed can give modulated signals on a fundamental range of 425 to 1000 kilocycles, and harmonics of usable

Diagram of signal generator. Parts should not exceed \$15 if purchased new.



strength up to 30,000 kilocycles. Audio energy of approximately 500 cycles can be obtained from the same output jack for use in trouble shooting.

A transformer type power supply was used to prevent accidental shorting of the power line when using the generator with a.c.-d.c. sets. However, this same signal generator may be built with a transformerless power supply. With the transformer that was available 390 volts "B plus" was obtained.

The electron coupled Hartley oscillator is a 6SJ7, suppressor grid modulated. R<sub>1</sub> provides suppressor bias.  $C_1$  bypasses the audio to ground and C2 bypasses the r.f. component to ground. Grid leak bias is obtained from  $C_{5}$  and  $R_{2}$ .  $C_{3}$ - $C_{4}$  is a two-section variable condenser taken from a midget receiver. Both sections are used in parallel.  $L_1$  is wound on a four-prong coil form. It consists of 100 turns of No. 26 s.s.c. close wound, with the cathode tap thirty turns from the ground end.

Cs returns the screen grid to ground and  $C_7$  is the r.f. return for the suppressor grid. To provide isolation for both r.f. and a.f., "B plus" for the plate is obtained through the combination of an r.f. choke and a 50,000 ohm resistor. A .1 µfd. condenser isolates the plate from the output jacks. The screen is at plus 12 volts and the plate at plus 350 volts. The low screen voltage was necessary to keep the r.f. output at a low level.

The calibration chart can easily be made with the use of any accurate receiver. It is mounted on the front panel to the left of the dial. Fre-

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started in hamradio, huh? Well, son, that's quite a story. How long have you had your ticket now? Three months, hmmm—things sure have changed some, I'm not really an old timer—but then—yep, guess things have changed some.

Let's see now, it was just a little while after we straightened up that other mess over there in Europe. What? Nope-I was a little too young to get in on that. My first outfit? Well now as I remember it I had a wire strung from the top of the house to the top of the barn. My transmit-ter was a Ford spark coil tuned to 300 to 800 meters inclusive I guess, and my receiver was a mass of wires in a pretty doubtful circuit, with an even more doubtful piece of galena for a detector, with a cat whisker on a still more doubtful sensitive spot. What's a cat whisker? Well, son, that's a little piece of spiral wire with one end stuck on a sensitive, you hope, spot on the crystal. That was the first rig. DX? Young feller you shouldn't have brought that up. I had that outfit for about a year and didn't work anyone. I did hear a guy though-a local, cross town, came in about R7. He was a big high power feller. Let's see, 9AFW was his call -he had a California KW of those days-wound his own transformer, gosh only knows how much voltage, around thirty thousand I expect.

Anyway he was my DX reception,

course I could probably have heard him just as well by sticking my head out the upstairs window—if I had had a favorable wind anyway. Son that spark gap of his sounded worse than some of those 144 mc. boys. A neigh-

### Forget the cares of the day for a few moments and relive the "good old days" of ham radio with WODEX.

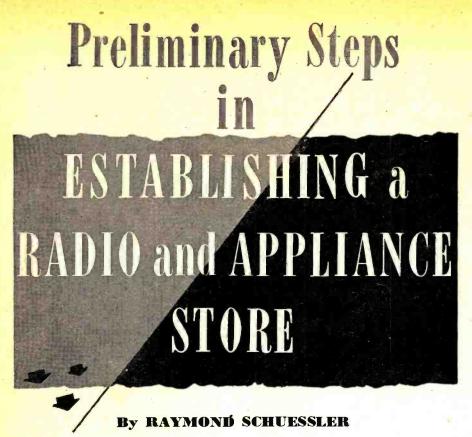
bor of his had a radio and every time he would fire up his rig he would burn a spot in the guy's crystal detector. Not only that, but believe it or not, in dry weather you could draw sparks from the nails in the siding on his house when he had it going. Boy, those were the good old days for sure,

Well, anyway, the next winter I made a big step forward—yes, sir—I got a tube-WD11, no other. Made myself a one tube regenerative and believe it or not it worked. Yeah, my transmitter was still the old coil. Did a little better with that rig too. Worked a couple of guys down the street a few blocks. And say, son, I worked a guy on fone too. You know I—what? How'd I work on fone with a spark coil? Well, son, it was easy. I just turned the regeneration up on my receiver until it oscillated and then put a telephone mike in the ground lead. Simple huh?

Then there was a pal of mine down the street about two blocks who got on the air about that time with a pair of five watters and a brand new call 9AEF. I laid awake nites trying to figure out how to get to run his station when I finally got a break. I got him in a crap game and put up

my counterpoise against permission to be second op at AEF. And, boy-I won! I think that was the last natural I ever threw, anyway I really took advantage of it and just about lived at his place. It wasn't so bad for him as it sounds though because we would both try to copy what the other guy was sending and maybe between us we would get the general drift of what he was saying. Gosh, I'll never forget one day when we had a message going east and we hooked a guy, I forget his call, and asked him his QRA. Well, he told us but that was one of the times neither one of us got what he was saying. Anyway, we decided to take a chance and said R R R and gave him the message—he came right back, about seven words per (about our speed) with, "Say, I said my QRA was Seward, Nebr., what in—is the idea of giving me a message to Chicago?" Well, son, that was really the 64 dollar question but we both proved our ability as real hams right then and there—we soft soaped him with something about how he had a terrific signal there in Iowa and he sounded like a cinch for the east coast at least, and how Chicago must be (Continued on page 120)

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Going in business for yourself involves a great many details which are too often overlooked. You can weather business storms by careful planning.

EW other businesses were so drastically disrupted by the war as the electrical appliance and radio group, but as a natural consequence it can now expect a greater customer demand than any other retail business.

Because of rationing and wartime restrictions the quantity of electrical goods has not been large enough to absorb earnings or meet the demand for ordinary household necessities.

Nevertheless, as lucrative as the field may appear, it is necessary to unearth all the technical aspects of this business before any venture can be contemplated in order to ensure an even chance of success. Consumer demand is no guarantee of success in any retail line. Research into every phase of the industry, past, present, and future, is imperative.

First of all it will be necessary to look over your own qualifications. Selling experience is an essential attribute. Thirty-four per-cent of the retail failures can be blamed on incompetence. Those who have had some sort of experience selling will have a considerable advantage. Have you a technical background in electrical appliances and radio? Are you aware of the great changes that have taken place in retailing techniques during the last few years? What are the legal and financial requirements for starting a business and how does one

combat the red tape? What are the postwar trends in merchandising and what are the new products? These are the questions which must be answered.

In the opinion of experts television for the home offers a tremendous market for the appliance and radio dealer. One recognized authority estimates that the demand for television receivers during the first ten postwar years will reach 25 million units, representing a retail value of 3 billion dollars. The public is expecting these sets and they are ready to buy them. However, and this is an important aspect, the price must be in the neighborhood of \$250 before a mass market for this product will be secured—so investigation.

All in all, there will be a huge market for all appliances. Fluorescent lighting, air conditioning, cove lighting, humidifiers, reversible heating and cooling units just out of the embryo stage will soon offer a steady market. These and many other products in the electronic merchandise field, such as aural radio, inter-communicators, hearing aids, etc., will supplement the ingenious retailer's inventory. Technical advances will result in improved merchandise in ever increasing quantities.

Although it is a great feeling to be your own boss don't be overanxious to start on such a dream without the proper knowledge which will back you to an even break.

Whether you decide to settle in an already established business or open a new store it will be necessary to examine the financial requirements and operating legalities which must be met in order to ensure economic stability and sufficient operating capital.

Primarily, the business stability of the neighborhood should be investigated as this can be of inestimable value in determining your own chances of success in that particular district. The information is not as difficult to unearth as it may appear. A glance through Dun and Bradstreet, chats with the local Chamber of Commerce and especially a visit to the electric dealers' trade association in your town, will elicit some of the data you will need.

Whether to buy or rent a building is another important question. According to percentages of business failures it would be wise not to buy until your business is well established. Since your business is liable to grow it might be wise to choose a building that could be altered to meet your requirements.

As for the lease, it will pay you to have a lawyer look over such documents before you sign in order to make sure that all angles of the question of who pays for insurance, repairs, taxes and alterations, etc. are clear.

In proportioning space, twenty-five square feet should be allotted for displaying each major appliance. A sample calculation of space requirements might read as follows.

Square Feet

desk space
2 washing machines 50
2 electric ironers 50
1 electric dishwasher 25
3 refrigerators 75
2 ranges 50
5 console radios 125
1 record sales shelf 30
1 record booth 30
1 television demonstra-
tion booth 60
2 open counters for small
radios and traffic appli-
ances 60
Storage space and service
area 220
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1000

This would necessitate a building of approximately 20 x 50 feet. One suggested arrangement for a store of this size is given in Fig. 1.

At this point an estimate should be made of the complete fiscal outlay that must be made for the first year or at least the first six months. Every item, from the basic rent, light, heat, and inventory should be estimated to the best of your ability. In this way a fair idea of the amount of capital you will require can be determined. Never underestimate these basic financial requirements. Lack of capital ranks

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number one among the reasons for business failures.

To determine fairly accurately how much working capital you need, a copy of the "1940 Retailers' Operating Cost Survey for Electrical and Gas Household Appliances Stores should be obtained from the Department of Commerce in Washington. Expected operating cost can be computed from the chart given on pages 20-24. Check your figures against the listed ratio applicable to your community. By following this chart through the first few months of operation you should be able to determine whether or not you are progressing satisfactorily or are heading for oblivion.

During the first year your personal income derived from your business may be very small. This does not indicate that you or your business are failures. It is only after this initial period that you can expect to receive an adequate "salary" from your enterprise.

The importance of adequate working capital cannot be over-estimated. In a recent Department of Commerce survey it was found that one out of three business failures can be attributed to a lack of capital. This item exceeds even incompetence as a cause of business fatalities. A list of the prime causes of failures by percentages is shown in Table 1.

Another drain on your cash reserves are the so-called "extra-curricular" expenses for advertising, for cash discounts, for carryover periods during natural stagnation, and other unforeseen items. It is therefore well to allot a sort of kitty for these items. The larger the sum which can be allotted for these exigencies, the safer will be your business.

Fortunately, the electric and radio

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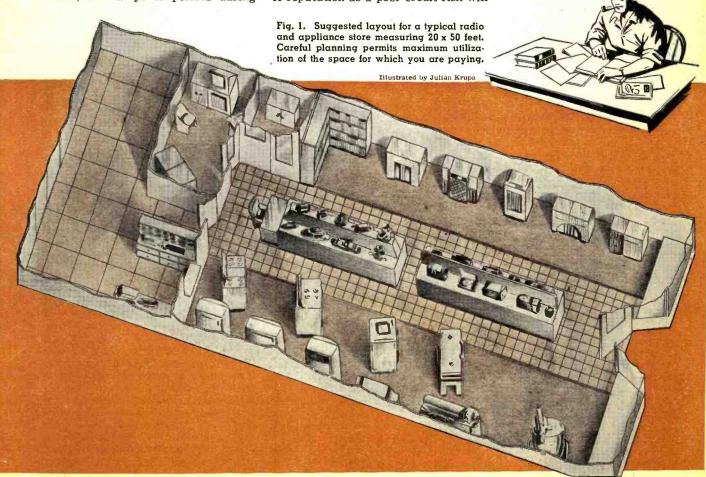
appliance business has the slight advantage of being able to operate on less capital than other retail ventures because of easy paper finance. Nevertheless caution should be observed. Too much dependence must not be placed on the easy credit arrangements which may be available. They have a nasty habit of eating up profits faster than they can be accumulated. It is of utmost importance that all of your bills be met as promptly as possible to maintain a spotless business reputation and a good credit rating. A reputation as a poor credit-risk will

travel via the business grapevine from coast to coast and dog your footsteps wherever you wish to do business.

Gradually as your organization progresses you can find methods to cut down on excessive capital backing by constantly analyzing sales and costs records and seeing that too large a percentage of current assets is not turned into inventory stock. But until you are firmly entrenched in your community, as large a working capital as you can manage is an absolute essential

Now that you have begun to operate in a business-like manner you will have to continue to conduct your business on such a basis. This means you will have to open a checking account not only to provide you with a depository for excess funds and to allow you to pay your bills by check, but also to give you the prerogative and convenience of collecting on checks given you by your customers. Besides these advantages, doing business with a bank can pay off. The bank can be of help in extending credit for expansion in years to come, advise you on business affairs, and collect notes for you. A heart-to-heart talk with your banker now may later facilitate a pocket-to-pocket beneficence. You can talk freely with your

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# Practical TRANSFORMER DESIGN and CONSTRUCTION

#### By C. ROESCHKE

Part 1. The design and construction of iron core transformers and reactors. Save money by rebuilding obsolete transformers to your own specifications.

RON core transformers and reactors are fundamental units employed in circuits operating at power and audio frequencies.

It is very desirable for an amateur or serviceman to have a practical understanding of this equipment for three reasons. First, because it is sometimes possible to use a transformer for an application different from that for which it was originally intended. Second, because it is frequently possible to rebuild an available transformer and thus avoid the necessity of buying a new one. Third, because a technician can design and build his own units at very low cost.

This article is intended to provide

practical information to aid the technician in building and using equipment of this type.

#### **Power Transformers**

Before we go into a description of the actual design applications, let us review the fundamentals of electricity and magnetism which determine the operation of a transformer.

When a power transformer primary is connected to the power lines, the a.c. flux produced by the current flowing in the primary induces voltage across the secondary windings. The voltage appearing across each secondary winding depends on the number of turns of wire contained in the primary and in each secondary. It

depends on the ratio between the number of turns in the primary to the number of turns in each individual secondary.

For example, let us assume that the supply voltage is 100 volts a.c. and assume that the primary winding consists of 100 turns of wire. Now, this means that for each primary volt, there is one primary turn, or, one turn per volt. Since there is one turn per volt in the primary, there is also one turn per volt in each secondary. Then if one secondary delivers 300 volts, there must be 300 turns in that secondary winding. It is to be noted here that the potential of 300 volts mentioned is the open circuit, no load, voltage of the winding. When the transformer is fully loaded, this value would drop about 5 or 10 per-cent depending on the regulation characteristic of the unit.

Mathematically, the turns per volt in a given transformer is equal to:

Number of turns in the winding Voltage appearing across that winding

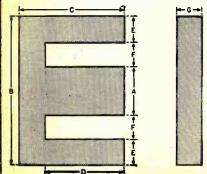
Iron cores are used to concentrate the magnetic flux along the desired paths where it will be most effective. Then, practically all lines of flux are caused to aid in inducing voltages in the secondary coils when alternating current flows in the primary circuit. If an iron core were not used, most of the flux would be lost in air and the power transfer efficiency would be too low for practical use. Such an air core transformer for use at power frequencies would have to be tremendous in size if any appreciable amount of power were to be taken from it.

The core material is not of solid construction, but made up of many flat pieces, called "laminations," which are piled one on top of the other to make up the core of required thickness or "stack." By employing thin laminations to make up the core, eddy current losses in the core are reduced thus minimizing the development of heat and power loss.

Manufacturers have developed for the radio and electronic industries laminations of sizes and shapes most applicable to the required voltage and power handling capacities. These are of the familiar "E" and "I" shaped design. Fig. 1 is a chart showing the

Fig. 1. Table gives various dimensions of most commonly used "E & I" laminations.

LAMINATION							
SIZE	A 1	В	C	D	E	F	G
1/2"	0.500*	1.625*	1.062	0.813*	0.25*	0.312*	0.25
5/8*	0.625	1.875:	1.25*	0.938	0.312*	0.312"	0.312*
3/4 "	0.750	2.250*	1.500*	1.125	0.375	0.375*	0.375
7/8"	0.875	2.625	1.750	1.312*	0.437	0.437"	0.437
1.	1.000"	3.000*	2.000	1.500	0.500	0.500	0.500*
11/8"	1.125*	3.375*	2.250	1.687"	0.562	0.562"	0.562
11/4"	1.250*	3.750	2.500*	1.875*	0.625*	0.625*	0.625
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These are only a few of the iron sizes available. Some differ only slightly from the above dimensions. There are, of course, larger laminations having center leg "A" dimensions of 1¾", 1½", 2", 2½", etc.

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physical dimensions of these laminations.

The various sizes are identified by the width dimension of the center leg. Thus, a lamination having a center leg which is 1 inch wide is called a "1 inch lamination." One with a center leg 1/2 inch wide is called a "1/2 inch lamination" or "1/2 inch iron." etc.

When laminations are placed into a coil to make a power transformer they are "interleaved," that is, the first "E" piece is inserted into the left end of the coil, the second into the right end of the coil, the third into the left end, and this alternating process is continued until all "E" pieces are in place. Then the "I" pieces are inserted into the spaces left between the "E" pieces.

In the actual design of a power transformer there are five principal factors to be determined. They are:

- 1. Size of lamination required.
- 2. Cross section core area required.
- 3. Sizes of wire required.
- 4. Number of turns of wire required in each winding.
- 5. Thickness of insulating paper required throughout.

Fig. 2 may be used as a rough guide for determining the lamination size required for a transformer of given power output capacity. Observe that the output power is given in volt-amperes or v.a. This power value is obtained by multiplying voltage by current for each secondary and then adding these values together. As an example, consider a filament transformer having two secondary windings. The first delivers 6.3 volts at 3 amperes and the second secondary delivers 5 volts at 2 amperes. For secondary No. 1, v.a. =  $6.3 \times 3 = 18.9$ ; for secondary No. 2, v.a. =  $5 \times 2 = 10.00$ . Then by adding 18.9 to 10.0 we get 28.9 v.a. which is the total output provided by this transformer. Now, according to Fig. 2, the lamination required would be about 1" size iron. But this chart is, of necessity, only an approximation since the power output determines the core area required as well as the lamination size. Therefore, a transformer of given output rating might be constructed using 1" iron with a stack, or core thickness, of 14". This would give a cross section core area of 11/4". However, you could employ 1¼" iron with a 1" stack of laminations which would also give a core area of 11/4". See Fig. 3 for the method of determining the cross section core area. As indicated, core area is equal to dimension width of center leg times the thickness of stack of laminations.

From this discussion one can see that the matter of design is a "cut and try" process wherein one juggles the size of the coil and core to arrive at a combination that will fit. In the above design, one might find that the coil would not fit into the space provided in the 1" lamination but would fit nicely into the 1½" iron. Let us state here that it is not necessary to actually wind the coil and then try to fit it into a given core. This determination can be made beforehand.

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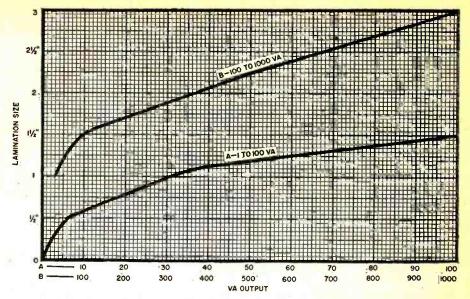


Fig. 2. Approximate volt-ampere (v.a.) output for various lamination sizes. Chart may be used to determine lamination size for transformer of given power output capacity.

The cross section core area that must be used is dependent on the power capacity of the transformer, smaller power units having smaller core areas than ones to handle larger amounts of power. Also, the efficiency of the unit and the amount of heat developed in the core depend on a.c. flux density at which the core operates. Transformers designed to operate at high flux density develop more heat in the core while those designed to operate at lower flux density run cooler. Actually, the flux density depends upon the number of turns in the primary winding and the cross section core area. Thus for a given number of primary turns higher flux density will be present if small core area is employed and lower flux density is obtained by using a larger core area.

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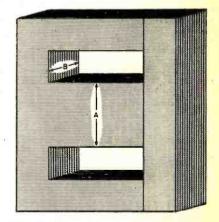
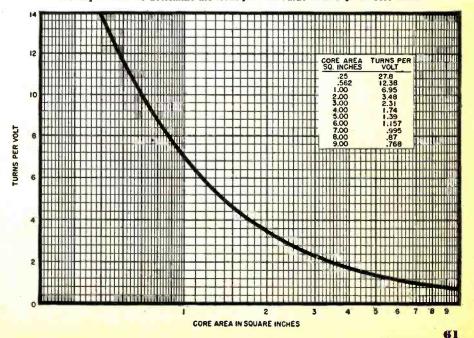
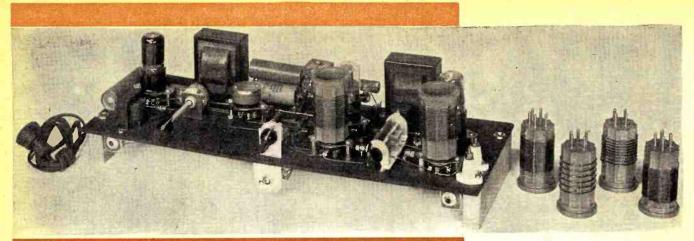


Fig. 3. The cross section area of the core in square inches can be determined by multiplying the thickness of the stack (B) by the width of the center leg (A).

Fig. 4. For 60-cycle operation, the flux density of a power transformer should be approximately 60,000 lines per square inch. Graph is based on this figure and may be used to determine the turns-per-volt value from a given core area.





# A Beginner's TRANSMITTE

Designed for the beginner, this phone transmitter operates on either 3.5, 7, 14, or 28 mc. Home-built companion receiver was described in last month's issue.

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HE beginning ham who desires to operate on phone, is either limited to the higher frequencies, or the 28 mc. band. While the high frequencies have many advocates, the desire for an occasional DX contact detracts somewhat from the advantages these bands offer. In many parts of the country, there are few amateurs within range of the high frequency equipment, leaving only the 28 mc. band for the phone operator.

While it is not difficult to design and build a rig for this band, the current parts shortage often makes this rather time consuming. The beginner seldom has the patience to wait until the material is obtained. Accordingly, it was decided to see what could be done with the material currently available.

The power output of this transmitter is low, being in the vicinity of 12 watts. With this low power, consistent phone communication will not be possible under crowded conditions. Many times however, conditions are such that phenomenal results are obtained. In addition the rig may be used later as an exciter for a higher power stage. With the proper coils and crystals, this transmitter may be used on the 3.5, 7, and 14 mc. bands as well as the 28 mc. band.

The tube lineup is as follows. One half of a 12SN7 acts as a Pierce oscillator, with the second half acting as a buffer or multiplier. A 50L6 is used as the final amplifier. Another 50L6, driven by a single button microphone, furnishes the necessary audio for modulation.

The necessary plate voltage is obtained from a voltage doubling circuit using two of the new selenium

The output voltage of the voltage doubler circuit under load is 255 volts. This is sufficient to give a reasonable output, and at the same time eliminates the need for a hard-to-obtain power transformer.

The heaters of the two 50L6's are connected in parallel and, in turn, in series with the heater of the 12SN7. A 180 ohm, 20 watt resistor is connected in series with this combina-tion, and the entire string placed across the 117 volt line. In this manner the need for a filament transformer is eliminated.

The entire transmitter is constructed using a standard 7" x 17" Masonite panel as the baseboard. A piece of plywood or other thin lumber would serve as well. Strips of ¾" lumber, 11/2 inches in width are placed under the ends of the Masonite panel to give clearance for wiring and parts mounted underneath.

The use of a Masonite chassis has

Fig. 1. Over-all view of completed transmitter. Breadboard type construction was used to simplify the building operation.

two advantages. Metal chassis are in rather scarce supply at present, and working with metal requires tools not always in the possession of the beginner. With the use of Masonite or wood, ordinary woodworking tools may be used.

If a metal chassis were used, it would be necessary to use a floating ground on the chassis or have one side of the a.c. line connected to the chassis with its attendant danger. True, if care is taken in observing the correct polarity of the line plug, this danger is not present, but too often this precaution is not observed.

The audio section consisting of the microphone transformer, 50L6 modulator, the gain control  $R_5$ , and the modulation choke CH1 is mounted at the left end of the baseboard.

The crystal, the amplifier tuning

condenser C4, the 12SN7 tube, and the coil  $L_1$  are mounted in the center. The two rectifiers and the filter condensers are mounted in the rear center.

The right hand end contains the final amplifier condenser  $C_{11}$ , the output tank coil  $L_2$ , the filter choke  $CH_2$ and the antenna terminals. The microphone jack is mounted under the chassis at the left hand end, the standby switch  $S_1$  just below  $C_4$ , and the key jack  $J_1$  at the right hand end. The on-off switch S2 is on the rear of the gain control Rs.

Small angle brackets, formed of scrap metal, are used to support the two jacks and the standby switch S1 as well as the gain control and  $C_4$ . Controls are laid out symmetrically to permit the use of a front panel if desired. Sockets for the crystal, coils and tubes are mounted by means of metal spacers to clear the baseboard.

Placement of the various other components may be seen by examining the photographs. A ground bus consisting of #12 tinned wire is run the entire length of the chassis to provide a convenient ground point for the various ground returns.

When the unit was constructed there was a slight tendency for the 50L6 final amplifier to oscillate. Accordingly a neutralizing condenser  $C_{10}$  was constructed of two small plates about %" square and spaced approximately %". This neutralizing may or may not be necessary, depending upon the parts placement.

Current for operation of the microphone is obtained by using a portion of the cathode bias developed across the 50L6 modulator cathode resistors  $R_6$  and  $R_7$ . The voltage developed at this point is such that there is little danger of overmodulation with the average carbon microphone.

Wiring in all cases is made as short as possible. It is essential that the condenser  $C_{12}$  from screen to cathode of the 50L6 be used or it will not be possible to obtain sufficient audio output for full modulation. Care should also be taken in wiring the rectifier and filter circuit, to observe the correct polarity on the rectifiers and filter condensers.

When construction has been completed, appropriate coils and a crystal should be put in place. The lead from the top end of  $CH_1$  to the plate and screen of the 50L6 final should be temporarily disconnected.

 $S_1$  should be opened, and  $S_2$  closed until the tubes reach operating temperature. At this point it would be well to check the output voltage of the rectifier, to learn if any mistakes have been made.

Assuming that all is normal, coils and a crystal for either 3.5 or 7 mc. should be plugged in and  $S_1$  closed. A neon bulb, touched to the stator plates of  $C_4$  will indicate r.f. when resonance is reached.

The neutralizing of the final should now be checked. If a 0-5 or 0-10 ma. meter is handy it may be placed in series with the ground end of the final amplifier grid leak,  $R_3$ . Grid current of from one to two ma. will be indicated when  $C_4$  is resonated.

Neutralizing may be checked by tuning the final tank condenser  $C_{11}$  through resonance, carefully watching the grid meter. If the stage is neutralized, there will be no flicker of the grid meter as the final is tuned. If a flicker is noticed, the two plates of the neutralizing condenser should be bent until the grid meter is absolutely steady as the final is tuned.

After the stage has been neutralized, the lead to the plate and screen of the final may be reconnected. A 0-100 ma. meter should be plugged into the jack  $J_1$ .

Minimum unloaded current as measured in this jack will be 15 to 20 ma. on the 3.5 and 7 mc. bands and about 20 to 25 ma. when doubling in the final. The current measured at this point is a combination of the grid, screen, and plate current of the final amplifier. Optimum loading for the final is approximately 70 ma. measured at this jack.

With an active 3.5 mc. crystal it is possible to quadruple in the second section of the 12SN7 and obtain output on 14 mc. Only the most active 7 mc. crystals will furnish sufficient June, 1947

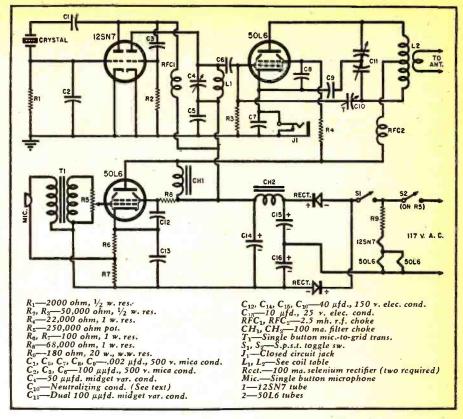


Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of the home-built transmitter. The selenium rectifier voltage doubler power supply furnishes a total of 255 volts.

output for quadrupling. The best method for operation of the 28 mc. band is by the use of a 7 mc. crystal, doubling in the second section of the 12SN7 and again doubling in the 50L6 final amplifier.

Care should be taken, however, to insure against 14 mc. output from the final amplifier in this case. A 14 mc. crystal may be used in the oscillator with the second section of the 12SN7 doubling to 28 mc. and the final amplifier working straight through.

The antenna links are designed for coupling into a 300 ohm line and if a different antenna system is used it may be necessary to vary the number of turns in the link to obtain proper loading. Fewer turns will be needed for a low impedance line and more turns for lines of higher impedance.

If it is desired to use an antenna with Zepp or other resonant feeders,

3.5 mc.

L<sub>1</sub>—36 t. #26 e. 1½" long

L<sub>2</sub>—38 t. #26 e. 1½" long, center tapped

Link—8 t. pushback around center of L<sub>2</sub>

7 mc.

L<sub>1</sub>—19 t. #22 e. 1½" long, center tapped

Link—5 t. pushback around center of L<sub>2</sub>

14 mc.

L<sub>1</sub>—10 t. #22 e. 1½" long, center tapped

Link—5 t. pushback around center of L<sub>2</sub>

28 mc.

L<sub>1</sub>—7 t. #16 e. 1½" long

L<sub>2</sub>—10 t. #22 e. 1½" long

L<sub>3</sub>—6 t. #16 e. 1½" long

L<sub>4</sub>—6 t. #16 e. 1½" long

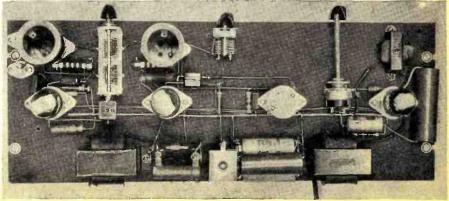
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3.5, 7, 14, or 28 mc. crystals may be used

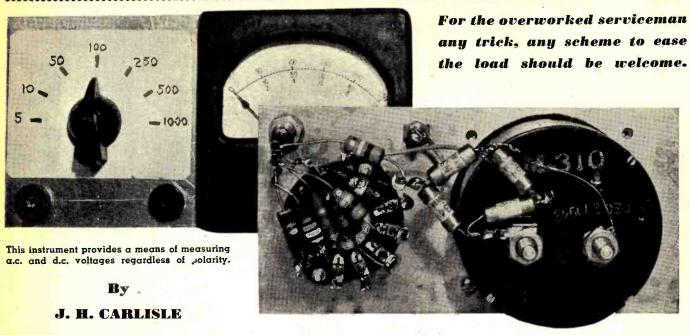
Table 1. Coil data for transmitter.

some form of antenna tuner will be necessary. The links as specified will permit the use of condensers to tune the feeders in most cases. Either series or parallel tuning will be needed depending on the frequency and feeder length.

Fig. 3. Top view of completed unit shows placement of component parts.



## A Universal VOLTMETER



HE measurement of voltages in a receiver to be serviced will include positive plate potentials, negative bias voltages, and a.c. voltages. Some of the newer electronic voltmeters include a "plus-minus" switch, so that the leads to the voltmeter need not be reversed when shifting from a positive to a negative measurement. It is not often that the polarity is to be determined, but rather the amplitude of the unknown voltage. There are exceptions, of course, such as the determination of the polarity of the voltage on the grid of an audio amplifier tube. A positive potential would indicate a shorted or leaky coupling condenser.

It is possible to devise a circuit which will ignore polarity of applied d.c. voltage, so that the indicating meter will always read in the right direction and, in addition, read a.c. Furthermore, this circuit is simple enough to be easily added to any existing volt-ohm-milliammeter. It is, of course, feasible to construct a voltmeter which can be switched to read in a normal manner, ignore polarity, and read a.c. Incidentally, the a.c. scale will not be limited to power frequencies, but will not introduce any frequency error at frequencies as high as 50 kc. or higher.

The basic circuit, comprising four half-wave rectifiers in a bridge arrangement, together with a meter, is shown in Fig. 2. When a voltage is applied to points "A" and "B," the circuit operates according to the polarity of that voltage.

Let us assume that point "A" is connected to a positive potential and point "B" to the negative. In this case, rectifier  $D_3$  conducts and current flows through  $D_3$  and through the meter to rectifier  $D_4$ , which is also of the right polarity to conduct. The meter, therefore, indicates the magnitude of the potential. Rectifiers  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are connected so as to not conduct, so, electrically, they are out of the circuit for the condition of a positive potential being applied to point "A."

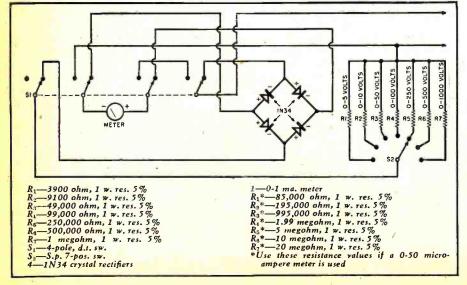
Now let us apply the negative side of the same potential to point "A" and the positive side to point "B". The rectifier  $D_2$  then conducts and current flows through  $D_2$  through the meter to  $D_1$  which conducts, also, while  $D_3$  and  $D_4$ , being of opposite polarity, are, electrically, out of the circuit. We, therefore, have a voltmeter which ignores polarity and reads in the proper direction, irrespective of the polarity of the applied potential. If we apply a.c., the voltmeter then reads the average voltage of both peaks.

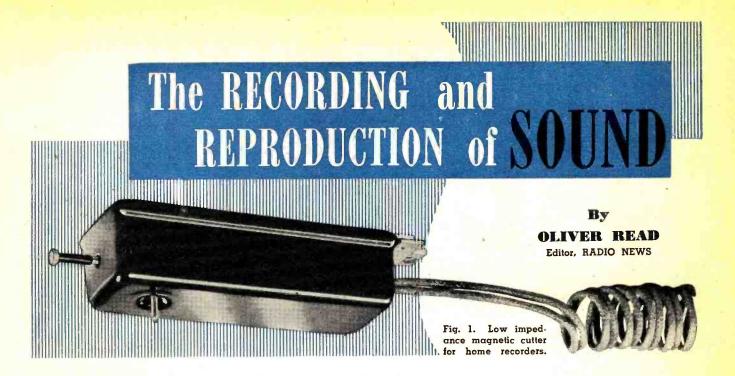
To construct a voltmeter of this type, what kind of rectifiers shall we choose? The usual copper oxide meter rectifier does not have sufficient difference between the forward and back resistance, and it is good only for power line and low audio frequencies. This latter characteristic is important only if we desire to use the same rectifiers for a.c. measurement.

We could use vacuum tube diodes such as a 6H6, but that would require

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Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of voltmeter. Note that an additional switch. S<sub>1</sub>, is shown, however it has not been incorporated in the above photograph. By adding this switch the instrument becomes more versatile in that current measurements can also be made. It can be added or omitted at the discretion of the builder.





Part 4. A discussion of two representative magnetic cutters, one designed for home recording and the other for high-fidelity broadcast transcribing.

HERE are two widely used types of cutters for the engraving of sound on instantaneous discs, the magnetic and crystal.

The capabilities of each as regards frequency range, sensitivity and other refinements depends largely upon the type of construction and, equally important, upon the finished workman-ship of the particular unit. There are expensive professional magnetic cutters for professional use as well as the inexpensive units designed primarily for home recording. It is an established fact, however, that many inexpensive magnetic and crystal cutters are quite capable of high fidelity cutting provided that the associated equipment is carefully designed and that particular attention is given to the mechanical construction, mounting, and circuits employed in using this cutter.

Construction varies with different makes and models but, like a motor car, accomplish similar results. Space does not permit a discussion of each of many excellent cutters, hence our discussion will be limited to representative types for home and professional applications.

#### Function

Most magnetic cutters are highquality, wide-range recording units designed especially for instantaneous recording on nitrate, acetate and similar blanks. Ruggedness, stability, and high sensitivity make these units ideally suited for use with home recording equipment.

Magnetic cutters are low impedance devices and, as such, can be con-

nected to the voice-coil side of the output transformer. The fact that switching is performed on the low-voltage side of the output transformer simplifies circuit design and makes possible considerable economy in equipment costs.

#### Structure

The Shure Model 96 (Fig. 1) transducer has a balanced-armature, non-pivotal moving system which does not depend for its alignment or centering upon damping material. The high-permeability elastic armature has a stiff supporting and centering member, rigidly clamped to the frame, which maintains the whole moving system in exact alignment with the pole pieces, (Fig. 2.) This permits the use of a highly stable damping material solely as a dissipative medium instead of using it also to perform a centering function.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Shure Brothers, "Application Notes. Magnetic Recording Head," November 12, 1940.

The elastic armature and compliant supporting member, damping material, and needle chuck, constitute a mechanical wave network which provides unusually high sensitivity and smoothness of frequency response.

Magnetic cutters are exceptionally rugged and stable, and will give long and satisfactory service under all climatic conditions. Their cutting level and response characteristics are independent of temperature over a wide temperature range.

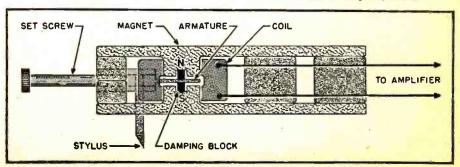
The rigidly clamped armature support will maintain its alignment indefinitely in both the rotation and axial modes, which was not the case with earlier mechanisms whose alignment depended on rubber bearings and damping blocks.

Electrical overloads will not readily damage the cutter or alter its characteristics.

#### Mounting

The magnetic cutter should be mounted in the recording arm or feed carriage so as to have complete vertical freedom, but no horizontal motion relative to the arm. Experience has shown that there are advantages in pivoting the cutter as close to the surface of the record as possible. The mounting, or arm, should preferably

Fig. 2. Details of assembly and structure of Shure Model 96 magnetic cutter.



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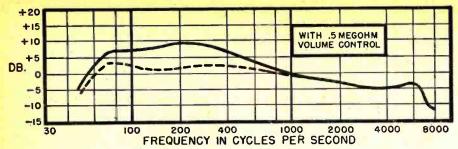


Fig. 3. Solid curve shows response of conventional crystal pickup when used without correcting filter. Dotted line shows response when filter of Fig. 4 is used.

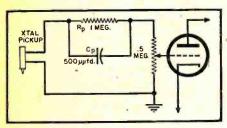


Fig. 4. Simple filter network that is often used for bass attenuation.

have means for adjusting the cutter pressure and the cutter angle. Under ordinary circumstances, the cutter will perform most satisfactorily if held parallel to the surface of the record; however, slight adjustments may be desirable with a given recording material or a given stylus. The pressure at the stylus point should be independent of the up-and-down motion of the cutter to insure groove uniformity on recording blanks which may be slightly warped.

#### **Motorboard** Vibration

It is particularly important in recording to reduce rumble and feedback to a minimum, inasmuch as records are often produced with insufficient volume thereby emphasizing background noises. Vibrations of the recording arm relative to the turntable will be recorded on the record and will appear during playback. The intermodulation of these vibrations with the recorded speech or music may have an undesirable effect on the quality of the record. The motorboard assembly should, therefore, be free of any appreciable vibration.

In many instances, a motorboard will be less subject to vibrations if it is tightly clamped to the recording cabinet. Elastic mounting of the motorboard (on springs or by similar means) may, under certain conditions,

emphasize motorboard vibration and stylus chatter.

Then again, motorboard vibration may reside in an unbalanced driving motor, in idler wheels, or in turntable rims which in some cases are not perfectly round.

Severe motorboard vibration can sometimes be completely corrected only by elimination of the above causes.

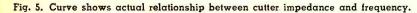
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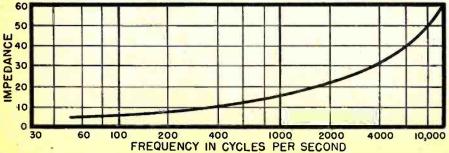
Since no cabinet is perfectly rigid, the speaker vibrations will carry through to the motorboard. Two separate effects may result from this vibration:

1. During recording, sound originating at the monitoring loudspeaker may cause vibration of the motor-board, thus changing the quality of the recorded signal.

2. During playback, cabinet vibration may be responsible for mechanical feedback between the playback pickup and the loudspeaker.

Both effects will be small in cabinets which are solidly constructed. In some instances, extensive experimental work may be required to eliminate the effects of cabinet vibration. Usually it is advisable to mount the loudspeaker elastically. In severe cases of mechanical feedback the motorboard may also be mounted on elastic pads, although this should be done with care to avoid the possibility of motorboard vibration and rumble. Often, an excessive low-frequency response of the playback pickup causes feedback and emphasizes motorboard rumble. Conventional crystal pickups have a rise at low frequencies (Fig. 3) when played on a standard test record (such as the Audiotone No. 78-1), and hence in a great majority of cases it is desirable to use these pickups with a simple correcting network, Fig. 4.





#### Recording Styli and Cutting Pressure

Styli made of steel, styli tipped with special alloys, or sapphire-tipped styli, may be used with the magnetic cutter. The life of the stylus depends upon the cutting properties of the record material. Because they are fragile and relatively expensive, sapphire-tipped styli are recommended only for the highest quality professional work, and generally are not used in the home. On nitrate or acetate blanks, a good quality steel stylus will usually retain satisfactory cutting qualities for about one-half hour of recording time. The so-called "short" styli having an over-all length of %" and a diameter of .060" to .070" are recommended. The stylus should be fastened in the needle hole of the cutter with the flattened part of the shank toward the stylus screw. In the cutter being discussed the needle hole is properly designed to permit secure fastening of the stylus without the necessity of applying excessive torque to the stylus screw.

The correct stylus pressure must be determined by experiment, for it depends on the type and sharpness of the stylus, the method of pivoting the cutter, and upon the type, age, and temperature of the record blank.

The stylus pressure should be adjusted so that the width of the groove is .005 to .006 inches. This may be checked easily by observing the cut through an eyepiece having a magnifying power of approximately 10. The width of the unmodulated groove (in home recordings) should be approximately the same as the width of the "land" (or space between grooves) when viewed by diffused lighting. After the groove width has been properly adjusted, the required stylus pressure may be measured by means of a spring scale.

The following figures indicate the range of pressures which have been encountered on relatively inexpensive record blanks at a temperature of 75° F.

		STYLUS
	TYPE OF RECORD	PRESSURE
1.	Paper-Base Coated Record, Manu-	
	facturer A (hardest of the three)	1½ oz.
2.	Metal-Base Coated Record, Manu-	
	facturer B (medium hardness)	l oz.
3.	Paper-Base Coated Record, Manu-	
	facturer C (softest of the three)	7/8 OZ.

The correct width and depth of the groove is of considerable importance. A cut which is too shallow may cause the playback pickup to leave the groove during loud passages. A cut which is too deep may cause adjacent grooves to run into each other causing "overcutting" and "echoes," and may increase the difficulty of thread clearance.

#### Recording Level

Experience has shown that for most satisfactory results the groove modulation in instantaneous recording blanks should be somewhat less than that in commercial pressings. The soft coating of instantaneous recording blanks usually cannot withstand severe overmodulation without producing distortion and echoes. This is

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particularly true with equipment recording at 110 grooves per inch. Good home recordings are obtained with a level approximately 4 to 8 db. lower than that of commercial pressings. To obtain a groove modulation having a level approximately 6 db. below commercial recordings (as exemplified by the *Audiotone* No. 78-1 test record), it is recommended that the voltage peaks measured with a sensitive rectifiertype meter connected across the cutter should be approximately  $\sqrt{Z/5}$  volts where Z is the 400 cycle impedance of the cutter.

The following table lists the suggested voltage peaks across cutters (such as the Model 96) of various impedances, as measured by a medium-speed volume indicator connected across the cutter terminals:

DC	400 CYCLE	VOLTAGE
RESISTANCE	IMPEDANCE	PEAKS
1/2 ohm	1.2 ohms	½ volt
1 ohm	2.5 ohms	.7 volt
2 ohms	5.0 ohms	1 volt
3 ohms	7.5 ohms	1.2 volts
4 ohms	10.0 ohms	1.4 volts
5 ohms	12.0 ohms	1.6 volts
6 ohms	15.0 ohms	1.7 volts
8 ohms	20.0 ohms	2 volts
12 ohms	30.0 ohms	21/4 volts

The values in this table may serve as a rough guide for settings of recording level indicators (described in detail in later articles) or in conjunction with the table in Fig. 5, Part 1.

#### Impedance Matching

Considerable experience in the application of magnetic cutters to commercial home recording equipment has emphasized the fact that the cutter impedance must be correctly related to the output impedance of the audio system if good quality reproduction is to be obtained. This is particularly true with pentode type output tubes. The correct impedance relationship can be obtained by revision of the output transformer secondary winding, or by selection of a cutter of required impedance. Cutters of the following impedance values are generally available:

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DC RESISTANCE	400 CYCLE IMPEDANO	CE
½ ohm	1.2 ohms	
1 ohm	2.5 ohms	
2 ohms	5.0 ohms	
3 ohms	7.5 ohms	
4 ohms	10.0 ohms	
5 ohms	12.5 ohms	
6 ohms	15.0 ohms	
8 ohms	20.0 ohms	
12 ohms	30.0 ohms	

The total impedance reflected into the output stage by the cutter and the associated circuit components (such as the monitoring loudspeaker, level indicator and dummy loads, if any) should be equal to the optimum load value recommended by the tube manufacturer. This impedance may be calculated approximately with the aid of the values given in the paragraphs below; however, it is suggested that an impedance bridge be used for final determination of the total load imposed upon the output stage. Inasmuch as the load impedance will, to a certain extent, vary with frequency, it is suggested that matching be done at 400 cycles per second, which is the frequency of probable power peaks of speech and music.

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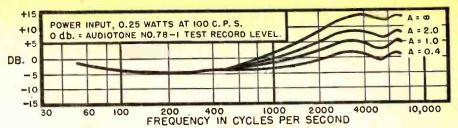


Fig. 6. Effect of resistance across cutter in pentode circuits. The ratio of the parallel resistance to the cutter impedance is represented by A.

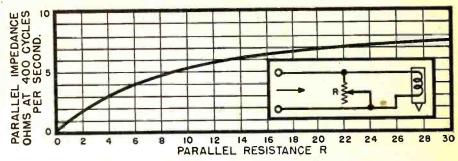


Fig. 7. Chart used to determine parallel 400 cycle impedance.

#### **Cutter Impedance**

The impedance of the cutter is a function of frequency because of the inductance and iron losses in the magnetic circuit. The impedance increases from the nominal d.c. value of the cutter resistance in accordance with Fig. 5. Thus, a cutter having a d.c. resistance of 4 ohms will have an impedance of approximately 10 ohms at 400 cycles per second, 15 ohms at 1000 cycles per second, 43 ohms at 7000 cycles per second and 60 ohms at 10,000 cycles per second.

#### Total Impedance of Cutter and Auxiliary Circuits

In connecting the cutter to pentode output tubes, optimum loading conditions combined with good recorded response may be obtained by connecting the cutter in parallel with a resistance having a value of ½ to 2 times the 400 cycle impedance of the cutter. The effect of the parallel resistance on recorded frequency response is illustrated in Fig. 6. After a suitable response curve has been determined, the 400 cycle impedance of the parallel combination of cutter and resistor may be found from Fig. 7, for a 9611-B4 (10 ohms at 400 c.p.s.) cutter; however, it may be used for cutters of different impedance by multiplying all values given on the curve by Z/10where Z is the 400 cycle impedance of the given cutter.

For the purpose of approximate cal-

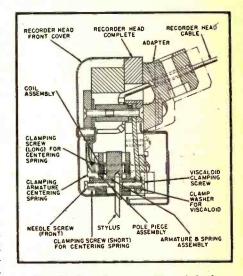
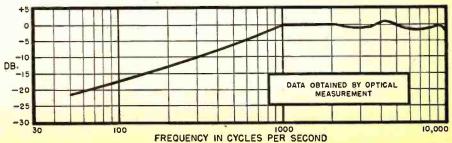


Fig. 8. Precision assembly of high quality magnetic cutter (RCA MI-4887).

culations in computing the series and parallel impedance of the load, it is permissible to treat the 400 cycle cutter impedance as if it were a d.c. resistance, inasmuch as the "Q" of the cutter is 0.8 at that frequency. For example, a 9611-B4 (4 ohms d.c., 10 ohms at 400 cycles) cutter is connected in parallel with a 15 ohm resistor. The total parallel impedance may be found from Fig. 7 to be equal to 6.3 ohms or it may be calculated approxi(Continued on page 122)

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Fig. 9. Frequency response characteristics of cutter shown in Fig. 8.



# 4-Band Automatic Radio Direction Finder for Transport Planes



By RICHARD H. BAILEY\*
G. M. Basford Company

Newly developed, lightweight radio compass provides greater "homing" accuracy for all types of planes.

IR navigation in bad weather, at night, or over long stretches of water and terrain devoid of any particular landmarks, has always been a severe test for a pilot. There are no guideposts in the sky. In the 1930s, radio engineers, seeking to overcome these problems, discovered ordinary commercial broadcast signals could help a pilot spot his location in relation to the earth, and accordingly "home" his plane. Aviation's use of the radio compass began.

Ever since, the radio compass has helped guide our planes safely over the unknown and the strange, in peace and in war. Now that the "go ahead" has come for opening and extending domestic and foreign airlines, it will become a more valuable navigational instrument than ever.

In its 17-year history of service to aviation, this unit has gone through many evolutions, and even though perhaps one of the most complicated of all radio receivers, it has nevertheless remained the most easily used and trustworthy device for air navigation. Over the years engineers on the

radio compass have had many design problems to solve. The first radio compass models were not too successful, because sleet and rain ruined circuits, and prohibited the use of the instrument in varied types of weather. Further, they weighed too much (100-120 lbs.) to install in all but the largest aircraft. As single, or two-band units, they were incapable of receiving all wavelengths—only commercial and short-wave airport wavelengths.

But of late real advances have taken place in radio compass design, so that now it is a thoroughgoing navigational instrument. One such unit, a new model AN/ARN-6, developed by Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corporation of Jamaica, N. Y., for the Army Air Forces at Wright Field, is a good example of recent trends. Now available commercially, it is automatically operated and has four bands to cover all normal broadcast transmissions, in-

\* The author wishes to acknowledge thanks the kind assistance of Joseph Della Corte, engineer-in-charge, Fairchild Camera & Instrument Corporation and designer of this radio compass, in the preparation of this article.

cluding those of European and Asiatic stations; it is so light in weight (60 lbs.) that it can be carried in small planes as well as in large airliners; and it reduces maintenance problems so that it is not necessary to literally rip a plane apart to service or replace the instrument. This model is so compact that its biggest component, the receiver (17"x11½"x9½"), can be mounted under the pilot's seat or in the baggage compartment, whereas the indicator (3\\ "x3\\ "x5\\ ") is placed on the instrument panel, and the control box (8\frac{1}{4}\times5"\times2\frac{3}{4}") in any convenient location with respect to the pilot and navigator.

Radio compass models of Fairchild manufacture go back to 1935. In that year, Capt. Albert Hegenberger, U. S. Army Air Corps, used the then current model as the basic unit of a blind landing system, for which he was awarded the 1935 Collier's Trophy. Since then, Fairchild units have figured prominently in aviation "firsts," such as the 1937 Russian 6668-mile flight from Moscow to California via the North Pole, and the record-breaking, round-the-world flight of Howard Hughes and his companions in 1938.

The new compass, called a dual remote control automatic direction finder, has met rigid military operational tests that simulated extremes of temperature in the tropics and in the Arctic.

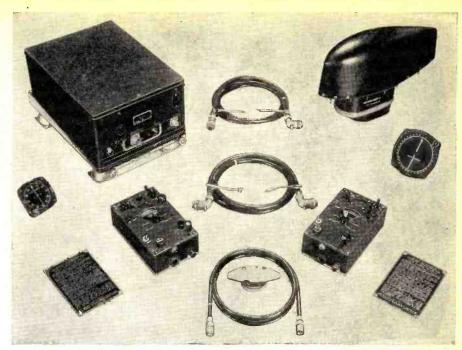
It is the first model to be designed completely for four-band operation, with frequency range from 100 to 1750 kc. Other models have been modified to incorporate the fourth band, but this unit, which is even smaller than recent three-band designs, is an original four-band design. The new 100-200 kc. band makes it possible to take radio navigational aid from many European and Asiatic stations, and marine beacons. The other three bands are 200-410, 410-850, and 850-1750 kc.

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Further, the new low frequency band reduces difficulty from night and mountain effects since low frequencies are less subject to these troubles. Mountain effect is a reflection of radio waves which can widen the aural null and cause erratic wavering of needle indications, whereas night effect is a reflection from the Heaviside layer which also causes a wider null and erratic needle indications on higher frequencies, particularly at sunrise and sunset.

The new unit's headphones permit an aural null as well as a visual signal indication of the direction-of-flight. By means of the aural signal's intensity as a station is being approached, the pilot can maintain a straight course regardless of crosswinds and overcast. With the visual signal, the pilot has unusual selectivity in picking up weak signals, and in excluding any extraneous signals of approximately the same wavelengths. This is important for the private flyer on relatively short hops where there is a minimum of landmarks. Through combined visualaural signals, he can pick up emergency landing fields without difficulty, particularly if he is not familiar with terrain of established airline routes. If he encounters crosswinds, he can always maintain his course because he is correcting at all times, with his indicator set at his desired destination.

The automatic feature of the new radio compass is another important consideration. The compass loop, which may be mounted either normally or inverted, is turned automatically by the thyratron loop control to face the direction of the oncoming radio wave. Its position, and therefore the direction of the station, is shown on the indicators without any possible ambi-



Component parts of 4-band radio compass. Weighing only 60 pounds, unit is light enough to be used in both small personal planes and large commercial transports.

guity in determining the station's bearing.

Components of this new unit are improved in performance through hermetic sealing. Its iron core loop, transformers, and phasing vibrator are sealed in atmospheres of dry nitrogen. This is a necessary feature since requirements in global navigation are varied and severe, especially where high altitude effects, tropical deterioration, and high humidity which change electrical characteristics are present. Rigid tests at Wright Field, over long, sustained periods, substan-

tiate the performance of this unit.

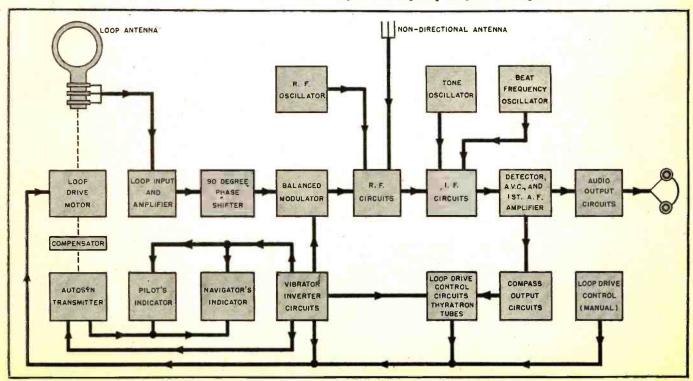
Other high points of this new design, by components:

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Necessity for a heavy, bulky 110-volt a.c. inverter and high voltage receiver (Continued on page 128)

Block diagram shows circuit functions. Radio compass was originally designed for Army Air Forces.



June, 1947



#### Compiled by KENNETH R. BOORD

T IS with pleasure that this month's ISW Department is dedicated to the Vatican Radio, Vatican City State.

High above the Vatican gardens towers the radio mast of Station HVJ, the "Voice of the Vatican." Nearby is the statue of Pope Urban II, who, in the 11th century, launched the First Crusade.

In that Pope's time, papal pronouncements were disseminated slowly. Today, broadcasts in many languages go out daily from the Vatican station to all parts of the world. Recently Pope Pius XII spoke through this medium to the boys and girls of the United States, urging them to work, save, and sacrifice during Lent in order to send food, clothing, and medicine to Europe's starving children.

Station HVJ was installed during the reign of the late Pope Pius XI by Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of the radio. The present Pontiff was the first to have his election as Pope (March 2, 1939) announced in this manner. The modern radio station is near the remains of the old wall built by Pope Leo IV in the ninth century. Together they form one of the many striking contrasts to be found in Vatican City.

Day and night the radio station of

The antenna masts of station HVJ.
"The Voice of the Vatican" tower over
the gardens of the Vatican. The station is housed in the old observatory.



(Éditor's Note): Beginning with this issue, the ISW Department will use a 24-hour clock for transmission times, expressed in American Eastern Standard Time (EST);
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For "p.m." hours, 12 is added to the "p.m." time; for example, 1 "p.m." plus 12 is 1300 hours, and so on. The following reference chart is provided for those not familiar with the 24-hour clock system:

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0200— 2 a.m.	0800— 8 α.m.	1400— 2 p.m.	2000 8 p.m.
0300 3 a.m.	0900— 9 α.m.	1500— 3 p.m.	2100— 9 p.m.
0400— 4 a.m.	1000—10 a.m.	1600-4 p.m.	2200—10 p.m.
0500— 5 a.m.	110011 a.m.	1700 5 p.m.	230011 p.m.

Vatican City is on the air. The station is run by a small party of priests of all nationalities and the broadcasts are timed to be best accepted in the particular country on its wavelength. The station itself occupies the one-time Vatican Observatory Building (now removed to the country), and has an annex in the former summer retreat of Pope Leo XIII.

In the radio telegraphy room, thousands of messages are handled each day.

Vatican transmitters are: 1. Marconi -built especially by Marconi for Vatican Radio in 1931; 12 kw.; wavelengths, 19.87 and 50.26 meters (15.095 and 5.971); antenna, non-directional; and 2. Telefunken-built in 1937; 50 kw.; wavelengths can be regulated for all short wavelengths; at present the following are used: 19.84, 17.19, 25.55, 16.82, 31.06, 48.47 meters; antennas include: non-directional, which may be regulated according to different wavelengths; dipole for 31- and 49-meter wavelengths; and four directional antennas for North and South America in one direction, and for Egypt, India, Australia, China, and Japan in the

Reports on transmissions will be gladly received by: Announcer in English, Vatican Radio, Vatican City State.

#### **Schedules Listed**

There is a daily English broadcast from 1315-1330 on wavelengths of 31.06 and 50.26 meters (9.660 and 5.971); subject to change, normal programs consist of: Sunday—Roma Sacra; Monday—talk of news interest; Tuesday—weekly news bulletin; Wednesday—talk on some doctrinal subject; Thursday—the words of the Pope; Friday—a Sacred Heart program; and Saturday—a talk on a liturgical subject.

A daily English news bulletin is presented on wavelengths of 19.87-and

31.06 meters (15.095 and 9.660), during the *winter* months at 1000, and during the *summer* months at 0900.

On Sundays, Mass is broadcast on wavelengths of 31.06 and 50.26 meters (9.660 and 5.971) at 0530 in the winter months, and at 0430 in the summer months. For a quarter of an hour preceding the Mass, there is a homily in these languages in turn: English, Polish, French, German, and Spanish.

#### Vatican Facts

The State of Vatican City (Citta del Vaticano) consists of 108.7 acres, or .16 square miles. As of December, 1932, the population was 1025.

For many centuries, with some slight interruptions, the Popes held temporal sovereignty over mid-Italy (the so-called Papal States), extending from sea-to-sea, comprising an area of some 16,000 square miles, with a population in the nineteenth century of more than 3,000,000. This territory, in the reign of Pius IX, was incorporated in the Kingdom of Italy, the sovereignty of the Pope being confined to the palaces of the Vatican and the Lateran in Rome and the villa of Castel Gandolfo, by the Italian law (May 13, 1871). This law also guaranteed to the Pope and his successors a yearly indemnity of 3,225,000 lira (\$622,425 at par of exchange), which allowance, however, remained unclaimed and unpaid.

Final settlement of the Roman question came after negotiations (begun October 4, 1926), when the Treaty of Conciliation, the Concordat and the financial convention were signed in the Lateran Palace (February 11, 1929) by Cardinal Gasparri and Premier Mussolini. The treaty was duly ratified by the Pope and by the Italian Parliament (May 14 and 25) and signed by the King (May 27) and became effective (June 7).

Unless otherwise stated, "news" mentioned herein is broadcast in English.

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# THIS MONTH

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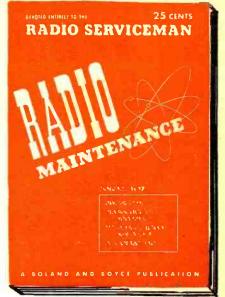
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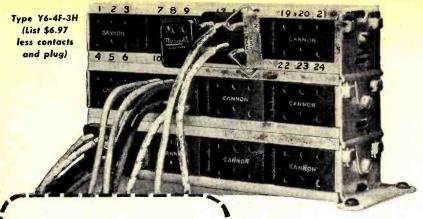
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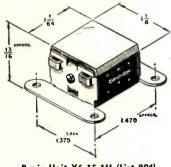


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Vatican City includes St. Peter's, the Vatican Palace, and Museum covering more than 13 acres, the Vatican gardens, and neighboring buildings between Viale Vaticano and the Church. Thirteen buildings in Rome, although outside the boundaries, enjoy extraterritorial rights; these include buildings housing the congregations or officers necessary for the administration of the Holy See.

The legal system is based on the code of canon law, the apostolic constitutions and the laws especially promulgated for the Vatican City by the Sovereign Pontiff or those to whom he may delegate legislative power. In all cases not covered, the Italian law of Rome applies. The flag of the State is white and yellow, charged with the crossed keys and triple tiara. Postage stamps have been issued, and a complete coinage was struck (1931).

Police duties are carried out by the Pontifical Armed Corps which comprise the Noble Guards, the Swiss Guards, the Palatine Guards of Honor and the Pontifical Gendarmerie.

The present Sovereign of the State of Vatican City is Pius XII, Eugenio Pacelli, born in Rome and elected as the 262nd Pope in succession to Pius XI (March 2, 1939). The late Pius XI in 1933, began to go outside Vatican City, and summered, with more or less regularity, at Castel Gandolfo in the Alban Hills. He modernized life and habits in the State of Vatican City by full use of wireless, telegraph, telephone, radios, automobiles, and other up-to-date conveniences.

And so we take our leave of Station HVJ. "The Voice of the Vatican," overlooking the present Pope's garden in a peaceful setting of fountains, cyprus and fir trees, with St. Peter's for its background.

China to North America

Following is a special dispatch to RADIO NEWS from the Central Broadcasting Administration, Nanking, China:

Opening salvoes of an elaborate plan for the broadcasting of feature programs about China for short-wave listeners around the world were heard in Nanking today with the announcement by Roy Dunlop, Director of Foreign Programs for the Central Broadcasting Administration, that a daily two-hour service for North American listeners is being inaugurated from Nanking this week (April).

The broadcasts will be heard on 15.350 megacycles (19-meter band) and 9.730 megacycles (31-meter band). They will reach North American listeners at 2100-2300 EST, according to the announcement.

Under the guidance of Dr. T. Y. Woo, Director-General of CBA, and Dr. Fung Chien, Director of China's International Broadcasting System, the plans for further expansion of Chinese programs for foreign consumption are going ahead as fast as the necessary equipment can be installed. Already, F. C. Chien, Chief

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Engineer of Nanking's XGOA, and his staff are completing the installation of two 20,000 watt short-wave transmitters which will be in operation this summer. In addition, one 100 kw. longwave transmitter is being erected in Nanking, and a 50 kw. long-wave transmitter is at present being installed for the Shanghai area. Engineer K. S. Yeh is in charge of the latter project, and excellent headway is being made.

When the "Voice of China" speaks out from the Chinese capital this month (April), it will speak from Nanking for the first time. The world-famous "Voice of China" during the war years was that of Station XGOY at Chungking, which was, until now, the only Chinese station broadcasting regular programs for international listeners. Mr. Dunlop has been brought to China by the CBA to reorganize and build up this country's foreign programs so that China may take her rightful place among the company of international broadcasters. He will leave shortly for Chungking to reorganize the foreign programs of Station XGOY there.

Mr. Dunlop is a Canadian, wellknown in the United States, Canada, and England as author, playwright, and director-producer in radio. During the three months he has been in China, he has revised foreign programs at Station XORA, Shanghai, and at Station XGOA, Nanking.

Best wishes go from the ISW Department of Radio News to the CBA in its reorganization and development of international short-wave radio services in China.

Saigon Broadcast Report

Thanks go to ISW readers who sent in reports on the special DX broadcast dedicated to RADIO NEWS by Radio Saigon on March 16. While reception was erratic throughout the world, largely due to ionospheric disturbances, the broadcast was highly successful, both to Radio Saigon and many listeners over a widespread area. Officials of the station were so well pleased with the broadcast, that further "Goodwill" programs, sponsored by radio clubs, are now being considered.

Reports received by your ISW Editor indicate excellent reception on the West Coast of the United States; fair in Mid-West, East and South; fair in Canada; good in Brazil, parts of New Zealand and Australia; excellent in India; inaudible in Finland, Sweden, England, and South Africa.

Sincere thanks go to Margaret Morgan, formerly of Pennsylvania, and to M. Jean Pipon, head of Radio Saigon's English Department, for the splendid manner in which the broadcast was presented.

Special DX Programs

Following the lead set by the ISW Department for special DX broadcasts (Stockholm in November; Saigon in (Continued on page 96)

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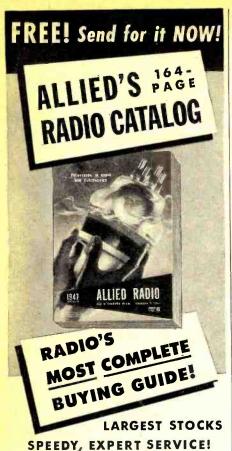


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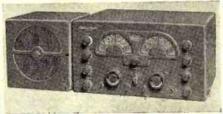
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#### COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVER

A new postwar communications receiver for amateur use has been announced by National Company, Inc.

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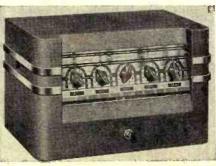
The set operates from a.c., battery or other separate source. Power requirements are 110 to 120 volts or 220 to 240 volts, 50 to 60 cycles. Phonograph, microphone pickup or headphones can be plugged into a special jack and any kind of antenna can be used.

The manufacturer, National Company, Inc. of Malden, Massachusetts, will furnish additional details on this new model NC-173 receiver.

#### P.A. AMPLIFIER

A new line of audio amplifiers for p.a. systems, including 8, 25, and 50 watt amplifiers, a preamplifier and a booster have been announced by The Thordarson Electric Manufacturing Division of Maguire Industries, Incorporated.

The 8 watt amplifier provides two input circuits, one a high impedance



microphone channel giving 115 db. gain and the other a high impedance phono channel with 72 db. gain (both values based on 100,000 ohm input impedance). The tone control, of the high frequency attenuator type, will

eliminate needle scratch or objectionable highs, according to the manufacturer. Normal operation features a flat frequency response within 1 db. from 50 to 10,000 cycles.

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The 50 watt unit is intended for large commercial installations and is capable of 65 watt peak output. Five input channels are available, each equipped with individual controls.

Additional information on this amplifier line may be secured by writing to The Thordarson Electric Manufacturing Division of Maguire Industries, Incorporated, 936 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois.

#### AUTOMATIC RECORD PLAYER

Distribution is now under way on a new table model phonograph, complete with automatic record changer, manu-



factured by Webster-Chicago Corporation.

Designed to blend with any surroundings, the new model is housed in an all metal cabinet of hammered gold finish. It weighs only 16½ pounds and can be easily transported from room to room.

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Full details will be furnished by Webster-Chicago Corporation, 5610 Bloomingdale Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

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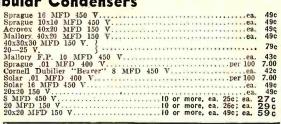
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#### INTERCOM SYSTEM

Immediate delivery of their first postwar intercommunication system has been announced by the RCA Sound Equipment Section, Radio Corporation of America.

The newly styled speaker stations, small as an ordinary desk clock, are housed in black plastic with satinchrome speaker grilles. The system is constructed with amplifier and speaker



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The system, which includes two speaker stations, separate amplifier, (Continued on page 94)

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#### A CRYSTAL RECEIVER

In recent years there has been little published on the subject of the one-time highly popular crystal receiver. The superiority of tube receivers, along with the ease of construction, has more or less put crystal receivers in the background.

Although lacking in sensitivity and selectivity, crystal receivers are ideal for use as a spare receiver for the children, or as a standby. The old bugaboo of locating the most sensitive spot on the crystal can be eliminated by the use of one of the new crystal diodes developed during the war.

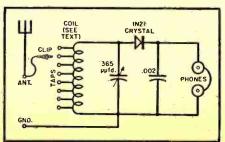
The receiver shown in Fig. 2 can be constructed in less than an hour and will give satisfactory reception from local broadcast stations, the performance depending almost entirely on the antenna used.

Parts are mounted on a plywood baseboard measuring five by seven inches. Only one section of the two gang variable is used, and if available, a single section type should be used for this purpose. The dial may be any type available as the tuning is not critical.

The coil used is wound on a piece of two inch diameter cardboard mailing tube, measuring four inches long. The winding consists of 90 turns of number 22 double cotton covered wire, with a tap twisted every ten turns. This wire is close wound and occupies approximately two and three quarters inches of the form. The taps are staggered slightly to allow free access for the antenna clip. The coil form is mounted to the base by means of a block of wood cut to fit snugly inside the form, and fastened to the base by means of a wood screw.

A 1N21 surplus radar crystal was used in the receiver illustrated. Any of the radar types may be used, or one of the new 1N34 type. The crystal is held in place by using a prong from an octal socket to hold the small end and a fuse clip to hold the large end. Care should be taken in handling the crystals as they are very sensitive to stray

Fig. 1



voltages or heat and are easily damaged.

After the parts are mounted, the insulation on the coil taps should be scraped off so that the antenna clip may make contact. A small battery clip is soldered to a short length of

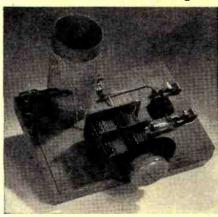


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flexible wire and used to connect to the optimum point on the coil.

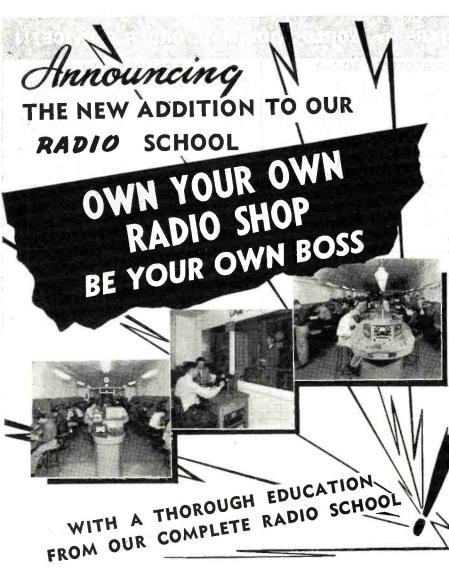
Fahnestock clips are used for antenna and ground connections as well as the headphone terminals. The .002  $\mu$ fd. condenser to bypass the headphones is connected directly across the headphone terminals.

When connections have been completed, a pair of headphones of at least 2000 ohms resistance should be connected to the headphone terminals, and an antenna and ground connected. The antenna used should consist of a single wire as long and high as possible. It is essential that a good ground be used. A water pipe will usually be satisfactory. The antenna clip should be connected to one of the taps near the top of the coil and the tuning condenser slowly turned. If you are in the vicinity of broadcast stations, several should be heard as the dial is turned. Moving the antenna lead to a lower tap will aid in eliminating interference between stations. The volume will also be reduced somewhat as the tap is placed lower on the coil, so as much coil as possible should be used.

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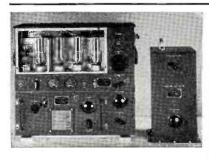
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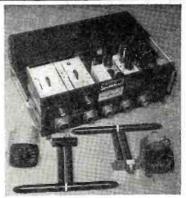
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Essentially the unit consists of a 100 ma. selenium rectifier together with a neon bulb. The rectifier together with its associated filter circuit furnishes a source of d.c. voltage which is applied across the condenser under test, in series with the neon bulb. For continuity measurements the part to be checked is connected across the a. c. line in series with the neon bulb.

A plywood baseboard measuring five by seven inches is used to mount the parts. Four *Fahnestock* clips are fastened across the front of the baseboard. The pair of clips on the left are used for continuity measurements, while those on the right are for condenser checking.

The neon bulb used should be the type with the resistor in the base. These may be obtained in any radio store and may be easily identified by the candelabra base. Those types with the bayonet base do not contain the protective resistor and should not be used.

No details as to the placement of the parts will be given as the layout is not critical and may readily be seen from the photograph. It is essential, however, that the proper polarity be observed on the rectifier and filter condensers.

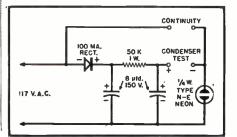
To check continuity, the part to be tested should be placed across the left hand terminals, after the unit has been plugged into the line. A pair of test leads will enable parts to be checked without removal from the equipment. It is essential, however, that they be disconnected from associated parts. The equipment under test should not be plugged into the line during test as misleading results may be obtained.

If the part under test has continuity the neon lamp will glow. The brilliance of the glow will depend on the resistance of the part being tested. A slight glow can be obtained with resistances as high as ten megohms. Parts which are shorted or of low resistance will cause the lamp to glow at full brilliancy.

To test condensers of the mica or paper type, the right hand pair of terminals should be used. The condenser under test should be placed across the terminals.

When the condenser is first connected, there will be a slight flash in the neon tube caused by the charging

Fig. 1.



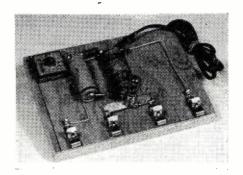


Fig. 2.

of the condenser. This flash will be brief, its duration depending on the capacity of the condenser. If the neon tube stays lighted, it is an indication of a leaky or shorted condenser. It will probably not be possible to see this charging flash if the condenser under test is less than .002  $\mu$ fd. capacity.

To check condensers of small values, up to .002  $\mu$ fd. capacity, the continuity test should be used. If the condenser is good, a slight glow will be observed in the neon tube. Shorted or leaky condensers will also give this glow, so the condenser should also be checked on the right hand terminals.

If the condenser to be checked is of the electrolytic type, the correct polarity must be observed. The plus side of the condenser must be connected to the plus terminal of the condenser test clips.

When the condenser is first connected, the neon tube will glow. This glow is caused by the charging and leakage current of the condenser. If the condenser is good, the glow will gradually become less or disappear entirely. The better the condenser, the less glow that will be observed. Large condensers will take longer for the glow to extinguish. If the glow does not diminish in three minutes or less, the condenser is either leaky or shorted, and should be replaced.

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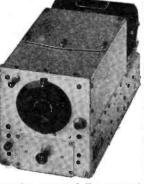
The control grid in a vacuum tube (the grid nearest the cathode) is utilized primarily to control the flow of electrons to the plate. Its potential is usually slightly negative with respect to the cathode so that many of the electrons emitted from the cathode are forced back by this grid and never reach the plate. Making the grid more negative forces more of the electrons back, decreasing the number that can reach the plate. In the same way, making the grid less negative permits more electrons to pass through to the plate, increasing the plate current. Thus the grid acts as a valve, controlling the flow of plate current in much the same

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If two conductors are separated by an insulator, a condenser is formed. Thus the control grid and plate of a triode vacuum tube form two plates of a condenser. This condenser can be very detrimental to vacuum tube operation, particularly at higher frequencies, because it permits energy to be fed back from the plate circuit to the grid circuit in the correct phase to produce reinforcement of the original grid signal. This might lead to oscillation, a condition which could be very undesirable. It is advantageous to eliminate or minimize this capacity as far as possible in applications where feedback from the plate circuit to the grid circuit may be detrimental.

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A second grid is inserted between the control grid and plate, and operated effectively at ground potential. This greatly decreases the grid-toplate capacity, and practically eliminates the feedback trouble mentioned previously. Since this grid in effect shields or screens the control grid from the plate, it is called a screen grid.

However, operating this grid at ground or cathode potential with respect to the d.c. circuits greatly increases the resistance of the tube, since such a grid makes it very difficult for electrons to reach the plate. Therefore, such a tube, called a tetrode, is operated with the screen grid at a d.c. potential equal or nearly equal to that of the plate. In order to keep the screen grid at ground potential with respect to the a.c. signal being amplified, it is effectively bypassed to ground or cathode by a suitable condenser whose reactance is small compared with the resistance in the screen grid circuit.

When electrons strike a metal, they have a tendency to knock out other electrons, called secondary electrons. Naturally, these electrons must go somewhere. When a tetrode vacuum tube is being used as an amplifier, the potential on the plate is varying at the signal frequency and may at some instant be less than the d.c. potential on the screen. Then any secondary electrons knocked out of the plate will logically go to the screen grid, since it is at a higher potential. This is very undesirable, since it in effect produces a current between the screen grid and plate.

To eliminate this difficulty, a third grid is inserted in the tube, between the screen grid and plate, and placed physically quite close to the plate. This grid is operated at ground or cathode potential both with respect to d.c. and a.c., and so is quite negative with respect to the plate. Therefore, any

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secondary electrons knocked out of the plate are strongly repelled back to the plate, and do not reach the screen grid. In effect, secondary emission is suppressed, and so this grid is called the suppressor grid. The tube now becomes a pentode.

Although this grid is spaced quite close to the plate, it does have an appreciable effect on the stream of electrons. Being highly negative with respect to the plate, it tends to limit this flow of electrons, and thus greatly increases the resistance of the tube. One of the characteristics of a pentode is a very high plate resistance.

We now have a tube which will amplify high frequencies without appreciable feedback because of the screening action of the screen grid, which reduces grid-to-plate capacity. We have also minimized the undesirable effects of secondary emission by inserting a suppressor grid next to the plate, which repels secondary electrons and does not let them reach the screen grid. Some typical pentodes are: 1N5, 2A5, 6AC7, 6K6, etc.

Other grids may be added to a vacuum tube for various purposes producing such tubes as the pentagrid, hexode, heptode, etc. Some of these special tube types will be discussed in a future article.

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#### **Mono-Sequence Tuning**

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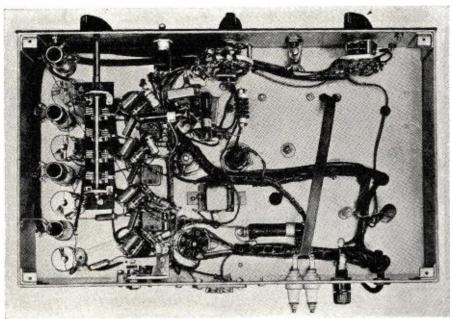
formulas or charts for series resonant circuits.

The first step in calculating the proper value of inductance for each stage is to carefully determine the total minimum capacity across each tuned circuit. In determining this total value of capacitance, the tube capacities, wiring capacities, and the minimum capacity of the variable tuning capacitor must be included, as well as coupling capacity to the following stage, etc. Since some means must be provided for equalizing the total minimum capacity of each stage, a small "trimmer" capacitor is required in each resonant circuit.

Having determined the minimum fixed capacity across each tuned circuit, the value of inductance for each stage should be calculated for the highest frequency to be used in each circuit. Working back from this point, determine the total capacity required to resonate each circuit to the lowest frequency at which it will operate, using the value of inductance previously determined. The difference between the fixed capacity and the capacity required to resonate the circuits to their lowest frequency will be the value of the variable capacitor required to cover the range.

For instance, suppose we wish to design an oscillator and a series of multipliers, to operate in the amateur 3.5, 7, 14, and 28 mc. ranges. The highest frequencies will be 4 mc. for the oscillator, 8 mc. for the first doubler, 16 mc. for the second doubler, and 32 mc. for the third doubler. The lowest frequency will be 3.5 for the oscillator, 7 mc. for the first doubler, 14 mc. for the second doubler, etc. We have determined that the total minimum fixed capacity across each circuit is 20 μμfd. Using the conventional formulas or charts for obtaining inductance where f and C are known, we find that with a capacitance of 20 µµfd., 79.5  $\mu$ h. will resonate at 4 mc., 19.5  $\mu$ h. will resonate at 8 mc., 4.8 μh. will resonate at 16 mc., etc. Again using standard formulas or charts, we find that with an inductance of 79.5 \( \mu h \). we must have 26 µµfd. of capacity to tune the first circuit to 3.5 mc., which is our lowest frequency. Therefore, our variable capacitor must have a total variable range of 6 \(\mu\mu\mathre{\text{fd}}\). in each

Fig. 4. Under chassis view of transmitter which features mono-sequence tuning. The four-gang variable condenser may be seen at the left hand side of the chassis.



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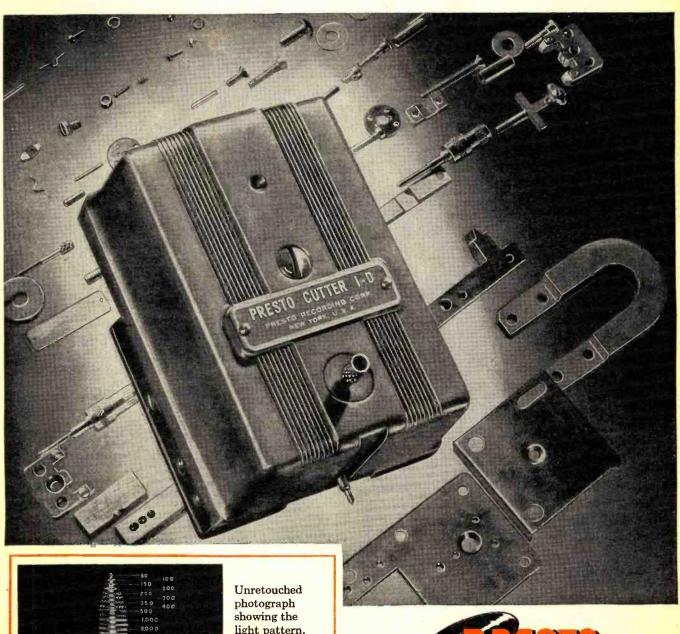
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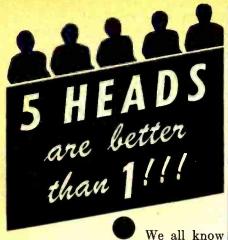
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Unretouched photograph showing the light pattern. Notice correct location of the cross-over point at 500 cycles.



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#### What's New in Radio

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#### HEAVY DUTY POWER SUPPLY

Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation has recently placed on the market a new heavy duty selenium rectifier power supply which is especially designed for servicing all types of auto radios.

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#### CURRENT-SENSITIVE RELAYS

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Complete data on the line of relays is included in a special publication, GEA-3819D, which is available from the *General Electric Company*, Schenectady, New York.

#### ELECTROPLATING UNIT

Warner Electric Company, Incorporated of Chicago is currently offering a new electroplating outfit which may be used to plate any conductive surface with gold, silver, nickel, copper, cadmium or chromium.

Especially designed for the home workshop, this battery operated electroplater can be used to finish amateur radio equipment and other homebuilt servicing or test equipment.

Full details and prices on this unit will be supplied upon request to Warner Electric Company, Incorporated, 1512 West Jarvis Avenue, Chicago 26, Illinois.

#### TUBE TESTERS

Two new tube testers, Models 305 RC and 330 RC, have been announced by the Simpson Electric Company of Chicago.

Both of these models incorporate the new Simpson "No-Backlash" roll chart for identifying tubes and setting controls. The units themselves are 1947 adaptations of the Models 305 and 330. The Model 305 is a standard type tester with a 3-way switching arrangement which makes possible the testing of any tube regardless of base connections or the internal connections of its elements. The Model 330 is the Mutual Conductance Tube Tester announced by the company last year.

Details of the Models 305 RC and 330 RC will be supplied by Simpson Electric Company, 5200 West Kinzie Street, Chicago 44, Illinois.

#### SCRATCH FILTER

Of interest to radio servicemen is the new LP-1 filter and equalizer which has just been announced by Newcomb Audio Products Company.

Designed to reduce needle scratch to a minimum, the LP-1 may be installed in either commercial or professional systems or in the home phonograph. Easy to install, the unit is intended to be used between the crystal pickup and the amplifier where it improves



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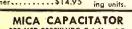
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Additional details on this unit will be furnished by *Drake Electric Works*, *Inc.*, 3656 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago 14, Illinois.

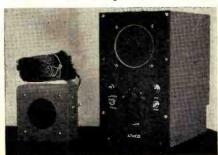
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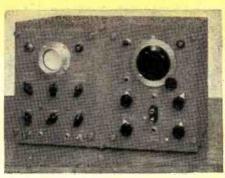


nished by Edward E. Gurian Co., Inc., 2011 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 16, Illinois, upon request.

#### HARVEY OSCILLOSCOPE

Harvey Radio Laboratories, Inc. has recently announced a new addition to its line of test equipment, the Model 188 TS oscilloscope which has been designed for use with either the 204 TS and 205 TS Visual Alignment Signal Generator.

The equipment incorporates the usual focus, intensity, and centering controls in addition to the vertical and horizontal amplifiers. No internal sweep circuits are used since the sweep voltage for the oscilloscope is obtained from either of the Visual Alignment Signal Generators with which it is used.



The 205 TS Visual Alignment Signal Generator, which is pictured in conjunction with the oscilloscope, has a frequency range of 500 kc. to 20 mc, with an adjustable frequency deviation of 900 kc. peak-to-peak.

The 204 TS model which may be substituted in the combination unit has a frequency range of 20 kc. to 500 kc. with an adjustable deviation of 70 kc. peak-to-peak.

Complete details on these units may be obtained from Harvey Radio Laboratories, Inc., 447 Concord Avenue, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts.

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#### International Short-Wave

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March), several of the radio clubs throughout the world have or are arranging special DX programs for the summer and fall months. It is suggested that readers watch club publications closely for complete details.

TAP Wants Reports

Cevad Memduh Altar, director of the Radio Branch, Turkish Press Department, Ankara, Turkey, has requested that readers monitor the special broadcasts for the United States on Tuesdays, fortnightly, at 1800, over TAP, 9.465. "We shall be very glad to learn their comments and would appreciate having reception reports airmailed to our address," Mr. Altar states. Correct reports are always verified by Radio Ankara, and recently some monitors have received veries via airmail from Ankara.

Tuesdays for which these special programs are scheduled include June 3, 17; July 1, 15, 29; and August 12, 26.

#### **Verification Data**

We are indebted to Paul Kary, Pennsylvania, for the following paragraphs of verification data, compiled by him from reports of URDXC members:

Warsaw III now verifies from Chief Foreign Liaison, Dyrekcja Ogolno-Organizacyjna, Polskie Radio, Noakowskiego 20, Warsaw, Poland; registered letter verie now takes 11 weeks. (Young, Pa.)

ZAA verified in two months by registered letter in French; prefers reports in that language but will verify those submitted in *English*; address, Direction Centrale de la Radiodiffusion d'Albanie, Rue Conference de Peza 3, Tirana, Albania. (Legge, N. Y.)

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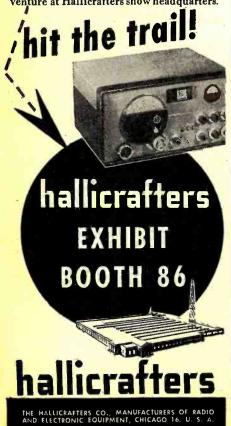
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Aktiebolaget Radiotjanst, Kungsgatan 8, Stockholm 7, Sweden, is address applying to all Swedish short-wave outlets. (Walker, Va.)

British Far Eastern Broadcasting Service, P.O. Box 434, Singapore, Malaya, sent a card in 5 months; is apparently no longer operated by Department of Publicity and Printing. (Legge, N. Y.)

Lebanese Broadcasting Station FXE, Beirut, Lebanon, is now using a card instead of the former letter-verie; answered in 3 months. (Legge, N. Y.)

XEBT verified with colorful card showing antenna mast rising from Mexico and radiating calls; arrived in 1 month; English reports satisfactory. (Seese, Md.)

HP5K sends blue or yellow card with overprint of call; received in 45 days; English reports acceptable. (Seese, Md.)

Teheran stations may be addressed at Wireless Dept., Ministere des Postes, Telegraphs et Telephones, Teheran, Iran; verified within 4 months by registered letter in English. (Legge, N. Y.)

#### This Month's Schedules

(Note: Between compilation of these schedules and the time you receive the magazine, many countries will have gone on Summer Time, making broadcasts normally 1 hour earlier than Standard Time: many stations will also move to higher frequencies for the summer months. Therefore, if you cannot tune in a station at the time indicated herein, it is suggested you try for it another day one hour earlier. For notices of frequency changes, it is well to check stations

Alaska—From Pfc. James Moriarty, Alaska Communications System, Transmitter Station WXFG, Adak, comes word that this station uses about 1400 watts; frequencies used include 12.255, 5.820, 8.860, 16.070; employed is a Radio Laboratories Model H-300 with a H-2000 rectifier and a P-2000 power amplifier; it is rated as a 2-kw. set, but full power is not utilized, being unnecessary for the radiotelephone circuit to Seattle.

Albania—ZAA, 7.852, Tirana, has news at 1515. (Watkinson, Pearce, Swalin)

Algeria—The Algiers transmitters of the "Voice of America in North Africa" are now on summer frequencies of 11.765 and 9.61. (Beck)

Algiers I, 9.610, is scheduled 1300-1745, to Western Europe, while Algiers III, 11.765, is scheduled same time, to Balkans.

The French transmitter on 11.835 (listed location is Constantine, but may be at Algiers) is scheduled 0130-0315 (French); 0745-0930 (French); 1315-1400 (Arabic); and 1430-1900 (French); medium-wave outlet is 941 kcs. The short-wave outlet is heard in Pennsylvania, signing off at 1900 with "La Marseillaise." (Kary)

Anglo-Egyptian Sudan—The 9.650

and 13.320 frequencies are now heard

2310-2345 with program in Arabic; fair signal some nights on 9.650, but 13.320 is badly QRM'd by c.w. (Legge)

Also scheduled 1130-1430; on Thursdays has English period 1230-1300.

Angola—CR6RB, "Radio Clube de Benguela," has been finally identified as the station heard in Australia on 9.165; opens at 1230, heard to sign-off at 1400 with the Portuguese National Anthem; station identifies frequently in Portuguese; while listed at only 50 watts, signal indicates greater power may be in use; CWQRM sometimes prevents copying. (Gillett)

Arabia-ZNR, 6.765, Aden, is heard in Sweden at 1000. (Frick)

Argentina-Paul Kary, Pennsylvania, has learned from a Swedish correspondent that two Swedes have started a 50 watt short-wave station in Buenos Aires with calls BAES and BARE, on frequencies of 6.950 and 8.232, respectively; schedule is 0830-0900 and 1700-1800; address, "Gustaf Gullander," c/o Thellander, Balcare

353, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Radio Belgrano, Buenos Aires, is using LRY, 9.455, and LRY1, 11.88, in parallel, to around 2100; the 9.455 frequency is the best signal from the Argentine this early summer. (Beck)

Australia—Complete summer schedules of Radio Australia are announced:

To Europe, 0115-0230, VLA6, 15.20, VLB8, 21.60; VLC9, 17.84, added at 0145; VLB8 off Saturdays. In French to New Caledonia and Pacific islands, 0245-0345, VLC4, 15.32, VLG3, 11.71. To Forces in Northern Pacific, Japan, Asia, VLA6, 15.20, 0330-0800; VLB8, 21.60, 0330-0745; VLG10, 11.76, 0530-0800; VLC4, 15.32, 0700-0745. Between 0355-0700, English, Chinese, Dutch, Indonesian languages are used on VLC4, 15.32; VLG10, 11.76, will carry this program, 0355-0530, when it joins the Forces' program. To Southeast Asia, using French, VLA6, 15.20, 0800-0845; Chinese, 0845-0900.

To Eastern North America, VLB, 9.54, VLC7, 11.84, 0800-0915; also to English listeners in Southeast Asia on VLG10, 11.76, between 0800-0900. India and the Forces in Asia, 0900-1000, VLA6, 15.20, VLG10, 11.76, while VLB4, 11.81 and VLC9, 17.84, join the program at 0930.

To Europe and Britain at 1000-1045, VLA6, 15.20, VLC9, 17.84, VLG10, 11.76; VLB4 continues to 1100.

To West Coast of North America, VLA8, 11.76, VLC6, 9.615, 1100-1200; and to South Africa, VLG4, 11.84.

To British Isles (new time to conform to British Summer Time) at 1245-1415, VLA4, 11.77, VLC11, 15.21; DX session will now be at 1300, Saturdays. To Forces in Northern Pacific, China, Japan will use VLA6, 15.20, VLC9, 17.84, 1615-1800.

To Eastern North America will have two frequencies, VLC9, 17.84, VLA9, 21.60, 1800-1945; DX session on Saturday will probably continue at about 1920. To Forces, 2100-2300, VLB5, 21.54, VLC9, 17.84, VLG6, 15.24;

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To West Coast of United States, 2345-0045, VLA5, 15.32, VLB8, 21.60, VLG6, 15.24; and to South Africa, VLC9, 17.84; VLB8 and VLG6 off Fridays. Apparently, Sunday DX session remains at 0025.

To Europe in French, VLC9, 17.84, 0100-0145, same program to Tahiti and Pacific islands, VLG6, 15.24; latter off Fridays.

Austria—Radio Wien celebrated its first postwar anniversary (having returned to the air in April 1946 after 7 years' interruption) with a festive edition of its weekly radio publication in April. Much progress has been made by Vienna during the past year, it is noted.

Swedes report FOFA, the AFRS station, Salzburg, is now off the air. Same applies to Radio Vorarlberg, 6.005, Dornbirn. (Kary)

A station heard on 9.575 (may be the one reported some weeks ago as in Germany) gives calls of "Salzburg, Vienna, Linz," and is heard in Britain R-7 at 1630 with musical program; news in German at 1700; also heard earlier. (Pearce) I believe this is U.S.-controlled.

Azores—Ponta Delgada has moved from 4.040 to about 4.845, fair in 1700-1900 schedule. (Nankervis) Announces

after a gong, "Emissora Regional dos Azores." (ISWC) Heard in Ohio. (Sutton)

Belgian Congo—Leopoldville's 17.77 is now announced as used to 1645. (Balbi) Probably has replaced 9.745 in the beam to British Isles which begins with news at 1530.

Radio Congo Belge has three transmissions; scheduled on 9.380 and 6.282, 0000-0200, in French and Flemish, with music; on 11.72 and 6.282, 0515-0730; in same languages; and on 9.380 and 6.282, 1100-1500, mostly in French and Flemish; at 1200 on Monday and Thursday has "The Voice of France," on Tuesday and Friday, "The Voice of America," and on Wednesday, "The Voice of Great Britain." (Kary)

Ceylon—Colombo's 4.900 outlet is heard in England with "Epilogue" at 1145, R-5. (Pearce) The 15.12 outlet of Radio SEAC is widely heard, 1930-1200 and on Sundays also (to Britain) between 1330-1530.

China—XGOY, Chungking, has moved from 6.143 to approximately 9.665; announces 9.658 but is slightly above Brisbane's VLQ3, 9.66. (Dilg) A letter from XGOY quotes frequency as 9.66. (Kary) Most Chinese frequencies vary from day to day. The 9.665 frequency is usually a poor signal in East; has news at 0900, probably also at 0700; some mornings there is English also at 0730; runs to 1040; uses the 11.918 frequency, 1045-1145. It is believed the 7.152 frequency

parallels in both these transmissions.

XGOA, 9.73, Nanking, is strongmornings on West Coast; 11.835, in parallel, is good to 0900 when fades out. (Balbi) The 9.73 frequency definitely identifies as XGOA, Nanking. (Park) Both frequencies are heard in East. (Harts, Kary) Signs off at 1100. (Nankervis)

XORA, 11.69, Shanghai, has fine signal on West Coast, signs off at 1000. (Balbi) Is good level in East at 0600 when has news. *English* programs are now expanding.

Costa Rica—TIGPH, 5.870, "Alma Tica," San Jose, off since 1942, is now back on short-wave; at 2200, "Alma Tica" signs off and "La Reina del Aire" signs on, using the same transmitter; latter signs off at 2300. (Legge)

Curacao—PJC-1, Willemstad, is heard in Louisiana at 1945, playing American records; carries AFRS programs, but appears to have no fixed schedule. (Crandall) Schedule believed to be 1830-2200. (Ferguson)

Czechoslovakia—For a time, OLR5A, 15.23, Prague, was being QRM'd badly in its beam to North America, 1900-1800, in English, Slovak, and Czech, but signals are now improved; news at 1935. (Beck) Prague is now sending verification cards. (Pearce) Letters and reception reports are desired by the Prague stations and should be sent to Czechoslovak Radio, Foreign Language Broad-

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Ecuador-HCJB, Quito, has recently been using about 6.359 to parallel 12.455, 15.155 and 9.958; has fair signal; still uses a 4-megacycle channel with the Home Service program. (Howe)

Egypt—SUX, 7.86, is heard in England at 1530 with Arabian music. (Pearce)

England-Britain is now on second (Continued on page 132)

#### At Your Service Madame

(Continued from page 46)

That is a good place to start. When you call at the house to inspect a set, make sure you are presentable. Your hands and face ought to be wellscrubbed, and it is a fine idea to wear a uniform coat. The ladies are impressed by a uniform, and there is something established and reassuring about a uniform coat that bears your name and firm name embroidered on

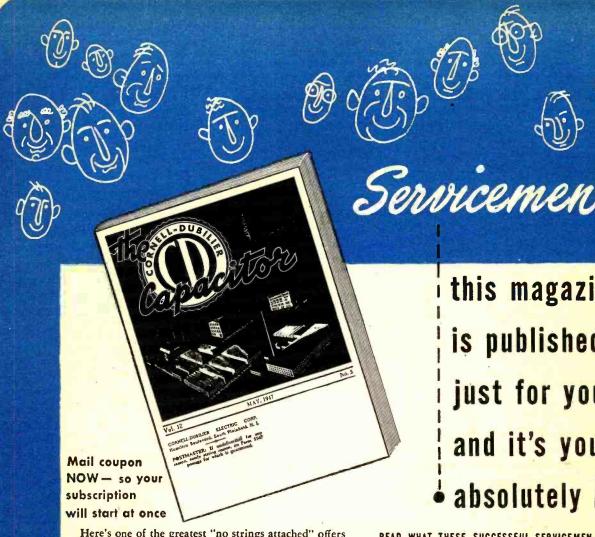
Take along a piece of clean canvass and spread this on the floor next to the set. Lay all your tools on this cloth. Ask the lady to move any pictures, vases, etc., that may be resting on top of the receiver. If you dropped and broke one of these, your goose would be cooked before you ever began. Then pick the radio up-do not slide it for fear of scratching the floor -and turn it gently about. It does not matter if the cabinet looks as though the kids have been using it as a target for their dart games, treat it as gently as though it were a delicate bit of Ming porcelain.

As soon as you turn it around the little woman will let out a little shriek and say something like, "Oh, I'll bet you never saw such a dirty set in all your life!"

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If you take cabinet and all-personally, I think this is best-be sure and wrap the cabinet up like a new baby on is first outing. Carry it as though it were loaded with warm nitroglycerin. You cannot overdo this particular act; so ham it up for all your histrionic ability is worth.

Before you leave the house, though, take out a notebook and ask her to state any faults she found with the radio, even before it developed the one about which she called you. Write these gravely down, no matter how silly they sound. If the set has push-buttons, make a list of the stations she wants set up. If the receiver uses an external antenna, and if you believe it has sufficient gain, suggest that you can install a loop antenna. Point out that this gets rid of the unsightly wires and also permits her to move the set about to her heart's content. This item is a great hit with ninety-five per-cent of the women; but do not sell it unless the gain of the receiver and the proximity of broadcasting stations warrant the change.

If you take only the chassis and speaker, be sure that all the screws are neatly stored in the cabinet and that this is returned to its original place before you leave. Ask the lady what hour of the day would be the most convenient for you to return the set, and also ask if she wants you to phone before returning it.

Once at the shop, go ahead and service the set in the regular manner so that it is placed in first-class operating condition. That is for the man of the house. Then you are ready to concentrate on the things that will please the lady. Since she has little conception of what goes on inside the set, she is especially observant of the externals. The time you spend on improving the looks of the set will bring her just as much satisfaction as that spent on making it sound good.

Clean the chassis, speaker, and cabinet thoroughly. Do not just blow off the top layer of dust. Use a little brush to rout out the dirt hiding in those tight spots between i.f. transformers and tube-shields, on the back of the speaker cone, and in the crevices in the back of the cabinet. A woman who can overlook three big yellow STOP signs in a row will spot a cobweb at twenty paces. Use carbon tetrachloride freely to loosen dirt and gum that is bonded to the chassis. When you are testing the tubes, wipe them off with a damp cloth and then polish them a bit with a paper handkerchief. Make that chassis actually gleam.

By all means clean the dial and its covering thoroughly. If the cover is glass, a little Bon Ami, followed by polishing, will make it dazzle. Even though the inside of the glass is a little hard to get at, it will pay dividends to remove that smoked appearance that it acquires. If the cover is celluloid, carbon tetrachloride will remove the dirt, but it will leave a thin white coating that can, in turn, be wiped off with a vigorous polishing with a cloth or paper. Do not miss the face of the dial itself, taking care to clean off all specks or spots. Watch that tough spot around the hub, and inspect your handiwork with and without the dial light on. Quite often one form of lighting will reveal a smudge that the other kind conceals.

When the chassis is thoroughly cleaned, turn your attention to the controls. These are the radio as far as the woman is concerned, so make sure that all function perfectly, smoothly, and quietly. Do the hands rub on the dial anywhere? Does the dial cord slip? Does the dial cord shaft squeak in its bearing? Is the volume control absolutely quiet, smooth, and positive in its action? Do the push buttons work easily and with a minimum of effort? Are the correct station tabs all in place? Do the band indicators align up exactly with their windows or pointer marks? Are all the knobs on tight? (A man can understand a knob's working loose, but a woman cannot.) Does the magic eye function properly, with an unfaded green background and a sharply-etched shadow?

When you can answer all these questions satisfactorily, you are ready to work on the cabinet. Clean off all dirt and grime, using a good cleaner. Do your level best to cover up all scratches and other mars of the finish in accordance with the instructions given with a good touch-up kit. Make sure there are no wrinkles, tears, or spots in the grille-cloth. Should there be, repair them if you can; if this is impossible, put on a new grille-cloth. Finally, go over the entire cabinet with a good furniture polish and rub this to a high luster. Do not spare the elbow grease; you are being paid for it.

This final polishing should be administered just prior to the delivery of the set. A pair of cheap cotton gloves are excellent for handling the polished radio without leaving any

marring finger-prints. See that the set is wrapped up as securely for its return as it was when you got it, and handle it with the same exaggerated caution.

Consult the lady as to the exact position in which she wants the set, and be patient while she has you move it an inch to the left, then two inches to the right, and finally an inch to the left again. Under no circumstances point out to her that the radio has ended up right back where it started. If there is slack in the antenna and ground leads, see that they are carefully and neatly stored out of sight.

Insist that she operate the set herself to determine if everything is satisfactory. Take out your notes of her complaints and tell just what you did to take care of each of them. Be sure that she has ample opportunity to see your cleaning job, even if you have to resort to a strategem of pointing out a new part, tube, etc., in the rear of the receiver. State emphatically that if she is not satisfied in every respect you want her to call you.

As a clincher, try to say something that will make her like you. In doing this, do not make the common mistake of thinking that people like us because of what we are. They like us most when we make it easy for them to think well of themselves. That sounds a little involved, but it really is not. For example, if the cabinet has been in fair condition, ask the woman to tell you what treatment she gave it to make it retain its beautiful finish. Listen very attentively. She will be put in the pleasant role of giving advice that is sought after, and she is a hard one indeed if this does not leave her pleasantly disposed toward you as you take your leave. With a little practice, you will always be able to find something about which the little woman can advise you and for which you can display proper gratitude.

The general idea is to keep the lady in the spotlight. It is her radio that you are treating with such cautious care. It is her wishes that are being scrupulously carried out It is her advice that is being sought. Such flattering attention is hard to resist. There is one other point. You will

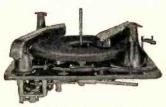
There is one other point. You will encounter many women who are extremely reserved, and you will meet others who are practically calling you by your first name by the time you have set down your tube-checker. No matter what the attitude and apparent friendliness of the lady, you can never go wrong in treating her as just that, a lady. Such treatment is the most subtle form of flattery you can use; so see that you use it.

I know that these methods will work, for I have put them into practice and have observed the gratifying results that other servicemen achieved in using them. It is simply smart business to cater to the person in the household who is the most influential in bringing you business, and in the average household, the woman is certainly that.





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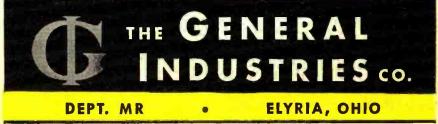
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#### From a Tiny Acorn

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of the deck. It's a rotten deal on the Commodore and that beautiful boat of his, but, as you say, it's the only trick left to play and even though it's a shady one, I'm with you on it even though we ruin the yacht and do time for it."

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After superhuman effort the difficult job was finished and when tested, the plates proved to be a perfect and satisfactory "ground." The workers were satisfied but not entirely elated. True, one obstacle had been removed and the problem solved, but the reckoning with a probably infuriated yacht owner did not brighten their enthusiasm.

Criminals are in the penitentiary for far less dastardly deeds than this, but Dr. deForest did not intend taking any chances with failure. He did not ask permission beforehand because it was a foregone conclusion that had he done so he would certainly have been refused.

Sneaks! Here they were, these two adventurers, specially invited guests of Commodore W. R. Huntington, not only aboard his private yacht but likewise at his hotel, the Beebe House at Put-in-Bay which he also owned. His hospitality was unbounded. Nothing had been denied deForest and Butler. He treated them princely yet, weighed against all this, the success of the first practical wireless telephone test was paramount to all else.

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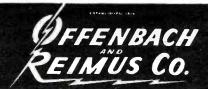
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worse, with ugly nail holes, deep hammer dents and a leaky hull. Had that decision been otherwise, radio might have been sidetracked.

Near midnight, as the two guilty culprits returned the yacht to its docking berth at Sandusky, the Commodore and his crew were there awaiting an explanation of this daring deed. Alongside them was stacked a profusion of food, fruit, liquor, cigars, etc., in keeping with the Commodore's generous policy of always maintaining a wellstocked galley.

"Thelma" looked as though she had been out on a spree. When the owner saw the terrible condition of the sides of his beautiful boat his jaws dropped. He turned white. His expression was one of horror, mingled with surprise and anger. Momentarily he was stunned and speechless, until deForest broke the silence:

"Commodore, that ground connection we nailed to the sides now does the trick. I'm sorry we had to do it, but . . ."

Without permitting deForest to finish the sentence the sporting yachtman replied smilingly:

"That's fine, Doc! I'm glad to hear it. for after all that is the only thing that matters. If these wireless telephones are a success, which I know they will be, then 'Thelma' will have the honor of being the first boat in the world to talk from sea to shore. Never mind the holes and dents in the wood. They can be calked up again and varnish is cheap. Don't worry about that. I appreciate your ingenuity and refusal to be stumped. Let's all go into the cabin and drink a toast to 'Thelma' and the success of the test."

Such was the fine sportsmanship displayed by Commodore Huntington and on the following day the badly battered yacht shoved off from its moorings and headed for Put-in-Bay where the yacht races were held. Thus on July 18th, 1907, wireless telephony history was made. From log notes made at the time and in the presence of reporters, the story of these races was published in The Toledo Bee on the These meager spattering next day. flashes of information comprise what was, in effect, the first sporting event to be broadcast by radio — the first story—the first drama, over a distance of ten miles and to an audience which could be counted on the fingers of one

Strangely, it was the success of this pioneer venture and its unimpeachable published record in the press, which a few years later, when brought into Federal court, proved after all other efforts failed, that Dr. deForest's dual invention of the Audion and the wireless telephone was not a toy, fake or fraud as claimed by an ignorant prosecution.

Ironically, it was the result of this "Thelma" test which was carried out in spite of a prison threat because of the method used, which a few years later saved deForest from being ruthlessly railroaded to the Federal penitentiary for his rash claims and predictions of one day being able to "talk across the ocean" . . . a simple, now-aday feat so easily accomplished aboard the Queen Elizabeth.

The unknown, unglorified yacht "Thelma" saved him and radio for posterity. The story of this bygone event should go down in history as the occasion when an "acorn" was planted by this little boat, which within the span of a lifetime, has grown and spread to the amazing proportions of the magnificent Queen Elizabeth "electronic oak." -30-

#### **Sweep-Frequency** Generator

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Another pair of 955's in push-pull make up the adjustable-frequency beat oscillator. The signals from the two beat oscillators are fed into the grids and cathodes of a 6AC7 push-pull mixer, whose output is applied through a low-pass network to the grid of the output tube operating as a cathodefollower. The marker oscillator signal, which is variable between 5 and 70 mc., is impressed on the cathode of the output tube.

(For the benefit of those who may be interested in purchasing a commercial sweep generator at the present time, it should be pointed out that although the units shown in Figs. 1 and 5 are commercially available at this time, they were developed some time Considerable further development is being done on these sweep generators, and greatly improved models may become available in the very near

future.)

A more recently developed highfrequency sweep generator is shown in Fig. 6, and the schematic in Fig. 9 It has a center frequency range which is continuously variable from 500 kc. to 110 mc., and a sweep width adjustable from 5 kc. to 10 mc. The circuit consists of an electronically frequencymodulated oscillator operating at a fixed center frequency, a heterodyne oscillator with variable frequency, a mixer-output stage, and two marker oscillators to provide frequency reference points at 1 mc. and 10 mc. intervals.

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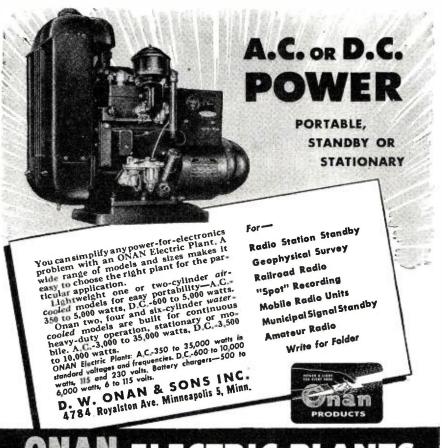
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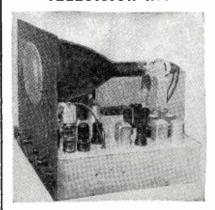
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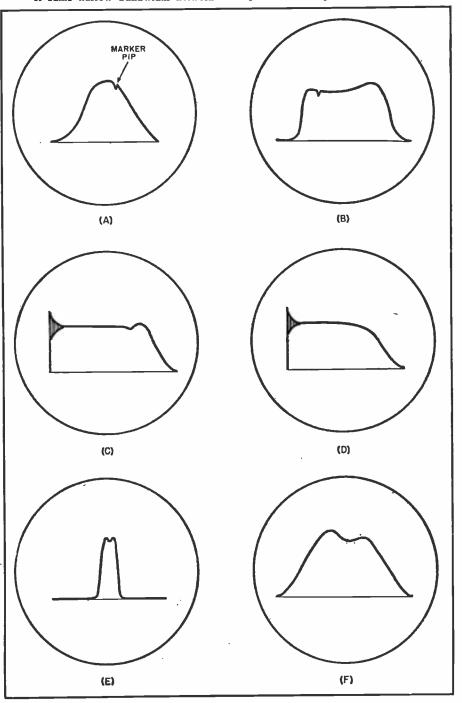
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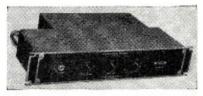
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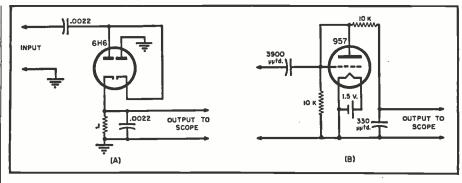


Fig. 11. Circuit diagrams of two diode detectors that may be used in testing equipment which does not have its own self-contained final detector.

erator has been illustrated in Fig. 2. There are, in addition to the basic method, a few practical techniques which are of interest in connection with the use of sweep generators:

1. Fig. 8 shows a block diagram of a set-up by which a high-frequency sweep generator of the type illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6 can be employed to produce a video signal which is swept over the range from 100 kc. to 10 mc. The signal from the sweep-frequency generator is mixed with the signal from a simple fixed-frequency oscillator in a mixer tube to produce the desired video signal. Both the local oscillator and the mixer are extremely simple in design, and can very easily be constructed from the schematics given in Fig. 7. The relationship between the local oscillator frequency and the sweep generator frequency (which must be set for a total frequency excursion of 10 mc.) should be such that at one end of the frequency excursion the two frequencies are equal, then at the other end there will be a 10 mc. difference. Thus the mixer output will be a 0-10 mc. swept signal, the higher frequencies being eliminated by a low-pass coupling network.

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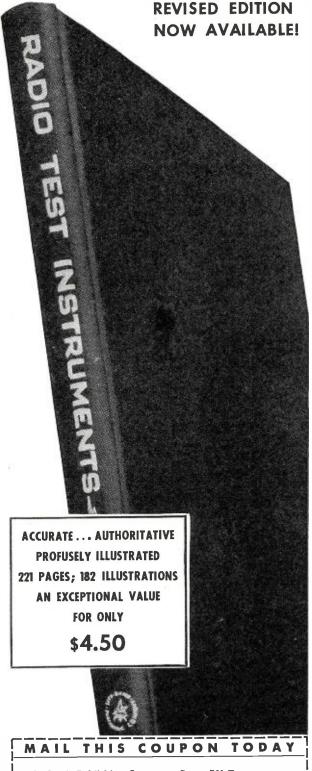
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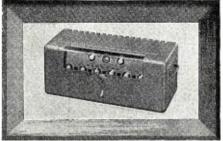
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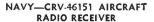
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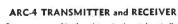
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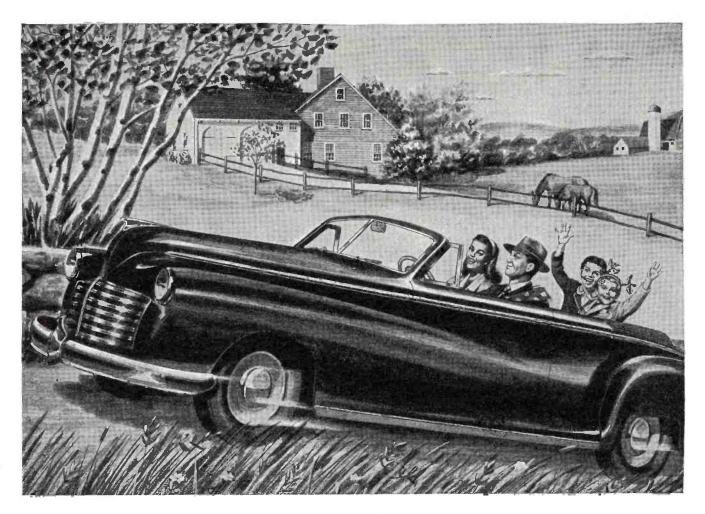
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(ANSWER BELOW)



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### The Good Old Days

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just like a local for him and how we were having trouble getting out of our back yard, etc., etc. He proved he was a real ham too—he believed it.

About that time I decided to go CW myself so I got a transmitting tube, war surplus too. Yep, a VT2 it was, and quite a tube — Western Electric five watter it was called. Well, I made a four coil Meissner transmitter - wound the coils on a Quaker Oats box with No. 18 bell wire. As I remember it the circuit called for three condensers but I only had one so I tried it in all three places and left it where it worked the best. Didn't have any meters so there was nothing to worry about-at least that I knew about. Used the tube with 115 volts a.c. on the plate. Sure, it worked-had a lot of QSO's with it all over Iowa. Decided about that time I needed a bigger antenna and that's where I really got in the dough. Stuck a pole up out in the back yard and hung a fifty foot cage on it. A cage? Son, that's the tops in antennas. Listen, I'll tell you how I made it. Made some hoops out of five eighths copper tubing by winding it around a five gallon gas can, then I soldered six wires equally spaced around the hoops bringing them down to an insulator a few feet from the end hoops with the whole thing about sixty feet long. The hoops were about twelve feet apart or so. The lead-in was a little four wire cage about six inches in diameter. Son, that was a thing of beauty, but it had one bad fault. It was conductive to double pneumonia, then for a-pneumonia? Well, it was like this, every time there was a sleet or ice storm you spent half the nite stumbling back and forth across the cold floor from the bed to the window in your bare feet to see if the dang thing was still up. Usually along about three a.m. it wasn't, so you could stay in bed the rest of the nite. Now for the counterpoise-yep, that was a lot of wires, covering about five acres run under the antenna about five feet off the ground. Boy, I had a beauty but that had one bad fault too-my old man was six feet tall! It was amazing how doggone narrow minded that guy could be at times. 'course the wear and tear on his Adams apple was a little bad. No, I couldn't raise it—I got four-tenths amp more antenna current at five feet than at any other height.

Now let's see—along there somewhere I chiseled a 110 to 1100 volt line transformer from the power company. So I dug a center tap out of it and decided to QRO. Made a chemical rectifier, that was the dangest thing. Had a heck of a time rounding up enough lead and aluminum for the plates. Had a little trouble convincing mother she never could get those Mason jars clean enough to use again anyway when she finally caught on

to what happened to 'em. S'funny how much she thought she needed those 24 jars. Anyway, according to the book, the thing should work with each piece of aluminum showing just a faint glow in the dark but just try to get it that way. One jar would be dark and the next look like Coney Island. And that dang thing had the nastiest habit of eating the aluminum off right at the water surface, then just when you were right in the middle of calling that DX over in Ohio that so-and-so plate would eat through and drop off. I'm tellin' you, son, those were the good old days.

Oh, yes, forgot to mention that my increase of plate voltage caused a financial crisis. It was this waymy old VT2 took 110 volts OK but with 550 on it the grid got unduly agitated about something and about the third time I hit my old side swiper it-huh? Say, young squirt, do you mean to sit there and tell me you don't know what a cootie key or side swiper is? Well, just a minute. Anyway about the third dash I sent that darn grid took off-say, son, I thought someone was holding a fourth of July celebration right inside that glass. Never saw so much fire inside a tube before or since. After I got the thing shut down all I had was a diode and an awful poor one at that. Well, after I recovered from that blow I got an old RCA five watter UV202—nine bucks for five watts plate dissipation -cripes, I think one of the James boys must have been the first one of those displaced people you hear about -anyway his brothers were all in Oklahoma or some place out there I guess.

Oh, yes, about that side swiper or cootie key as we called 'em. It was just a blade with two contacts on it and a handle. You sent with it by swinging it back and forth between two contacts, just like a big single poled knife switch with the contact spread until there was no contact till the blade was swung to one side or the other. Best thing there is—I still use one—same one in fact. QSO's must be darn near five figures by now with it. Those were the things that made the old "Lake Erie Swing." fist with that swing was a beautiful thing to hear, son. Boy, I can still hear those guys with a clear bell-like spark battin' along about 30 per with one of those things. Yes, sir-you sure missed something, son.

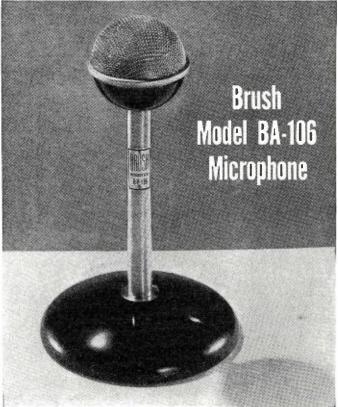
Well, after I got my 202 I changed to a Hartley circuit—wound the inductance on a wooden form about ten inches in diameter. Didn't need a tuning condenser—just varied the taps. The antenna was at the plate end and the counterpoise was at the grid end with the center tap, so called, placed somewhere in between. You just kept changing the taps around till it worked somewhere in the band. Mine really worked OK too—I got all kinds of 8's and 5's with a few 2's, 3's, and 4's sprinkled in. Didn't get any 1's or 6's that first winter with it,

a 7 or two but couldn't raise any 6's or 1's. My receiver had developed into a detector and two step by that time, so I could hear a few but couldn't raise 'em. Used to get up at three a.m. three or four mornings a week too. My teachers at school couldn't figure out why three days a week I was more of a dope than usual but the Roman Empire was secondary to what happened that morning between three and seven. The empire just passed away I guess and it's a wonder I didn't follow suit with all the

sleep I didn't get. Well, things went along like that till the next winter when by the addition of another 5 watter I managed to get a 6 and a 1, just one each but that made all districts. I had just got relaxed and started to sit on all my chair when I began to hear some funny things—every once in a while I'd hear some guy telling about short waves and how wonderful some place called 80 meters was, how he could work clear into Chicago at noon and how the 6's and 1's would roll in at nite. Heard a faint mention of another place called 40 meters too, but 40 meters—that couldn't be, it couldn't possibly be any good—why we hadn't done very well since they kicked us down off 300 meters. Those guys must be nuts, I thought. The neighbors all had been predicting some big guy would be around after me with a net for some time but it looked like I was going to outlast some other guys at that. Well, I kept hearing more and more mention of 80-&-40, some guys even asked me if I'd been down there, till pretty soon I began to have a faint suspicion maybe it was memaybe I wasn't going to outlast them at that. Anyway along that spring, in March, I guess it was, I was setting at the old rig listening to the first real spring QRN-couldn't hear a darn thing but noise so decided to see what this 80 and 40 stuff was all about. After pawing around through about fifty old circulars and magazines I found a description of a short wave receiver. Got the old junk box out and started, wound my coil around the core of a roll of toilet paper, you didn't know there was a use for them things, did you son? It sure looked like I had a gosh-awful small amount of wire on it, but the book said 40 meters so I hooked it up to a 201A and listened-by gosh, son, there was signals and, for gosh sakes, listen to who they are! Well, I got up and staggered out in the kitchen and mixed myself a glass of soda and water and had half of it gone before I realized that that last nite out couldn't possibly be affecting me yet, I had to be sober, so I went back and sure enough there they still were 6's, 1's, 4's, 7's, the whole darn country-not many on the band, that's sure, about a dozen or so, but every district and I was sure getting 'em LOUD.

I just sat there and looked at that old Hartley oscillator. Oh, I forgot to tell you that in the meantime I had





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wound an antenna coil for it and set it on top of the other coil for the antenna and counterpoise and had a condenser across the main inductance instead of direct coupled like it was at the start. Well, anyway, I just sat there looking-turned the darn thing on and just looked some more. After a while I reached over and unclipped the tank condenser—it still oscillated! What frequency? Son, you ask the darnedest things, how'd I know what frequency? Pretty soon I reached over again and moved the grid and plate taps a turn closer together—it still oscillated - another tap - and another, until, by gosh, son, I could hear the darn thing on the 40 meter band. Just sat there lookin' and thinkin' about that a few minutesshucks I didn't think there was any use calling anyone, the antenna meter wasn't moving off the peg a darn bit, couldn't work anyone that way but well, I figured I might as well call just one CQ. Anyway I beat out a short CQ and started down the band kinda feeling like the guy with the net should get me before I did something really violent. Was about halfway down the band when-what was that? A guy calling 9DEX-just as sure as I was alive and it was a ONE! Yes sir son-a 1,-1BDR in fact, I'll never forget it-I kinda remember he was the guy that beat me out of first place in the national Sweepstakes contest

Well anyway son the gate was open, got three or four sixes some 1's, 2's, 3's, NAJ and a bunch of 8's etc. All with no antenna current at all and that big antenna tuned to 175 meters. I didn't know from shucks why but boy there was my log. I was sure sold, hook, line and sinker. But son that wasn't the best part of it-all during the evening I was hearing the harmonic of 9AEF and 9AFW (who had consolidated with a UV203) pounding away on 200 with the QRN beating them on the head something awful and them not hearing much of anything else. Well the next day I slipped AEF a list of my QSO's and you shoulda seen him turn green.

quite few years after that too.

I guess after that I just went along through the usual stuff-new transmitter, new antenna, new receiver, new transmitter, new antenna, etc., etc. Got clear up to a fifty watter once, didn't work a dang bit better than my old 202's though. Went down to twenty about that time-we really had a good thing down there then, 14,-000 to 15,000 kc. I think it was, 7000 to 8000 kc. on 40 too. The hams got a few dealt off the bottom of the deck along about 1929 they darn near lost 40 and 20 for sure—The ARRL put up a fight I guess but most of us thought someone sold us down the river. It ain't never been the same since-that really ended the good old days for

Well son it's getting kinda late, I can't miss my sleep like I used to. Come around tomorrow and I'll give you a little code practice.

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### Sound Recording

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mately as 10x15/(10+15) = 6 ohms. The ratio A in this instance is 15/10 =1.5. If this parallel combination is now connected in series with a 3 ohm monitoring loudspeaker voice coil, the total 400 cycle impedance of the load will be 6 + 3 = 9 ohms.

Again, if, for the purpose of monitoring, a 6 ohm speaker voice coil is connected in parallel with a 1 ohm resistor, and this parallel combination is connected in series with another parallel combination consisting of a cutter (10 ohms at 400 cycles) and a 10 ohm resistor, the total load impedance will be

$$\frac{1\times6}{1+6} + \frac{10\times10}{10+10} = 5.86$$
 ohms.

This series-parallel circuit then can be connected into the 6 ohm winding of the output transformer.

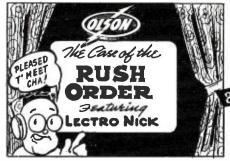
In general, level indicating devices consume a negligible amount of power. However, in the case of relatively insensitive indicators such as pilot lamps, the indicator impedance should be considered as part of the total load of the circuit.

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High fidelity recording heads, such as the RCA MI-4887, are high quality magnetic units precision built and accurately adjusted. They are primarily intended for use on composition coated discs, or can be used on wax. since they do not depend on the record material for damping. The unit illustrated is held within close frequency limits and does not depart from an ideal response curve more than two decibels between 50 and 10,000 cycles per second. Heads are matched for sensitivity within two decibels at 1000 cycles per second. In physical construction, it represents a bandpass mechanical network terminated in a dry mechanical resistance material. The armature is of the balance type and is centered by means of an adjustable tempered steel spring. The armature is supported on rugged knife-edge bearings. Pole pieces are made of nicaloi. (Fig. 8)

Recorders using these professional heads should be operated in a temperature controlled room for most uniform results. Frequency response and sensitivity are standard at 72 degrees F. and vary slightly with temperature. Between 65 degrees F. and 80 degrees F. the cutters will remain fairly close to normal characteristics, the variations not exceeding 3 db. from the response at 72 degrees F. Performance data at the time of manufacture is obtained by scientific optical means, thus excluding errors which might arise from commercial tolerances in cutting styli and disc materials.

A typical response frequency characteristic of the head is shown in





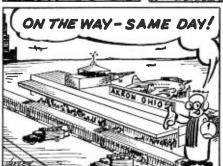












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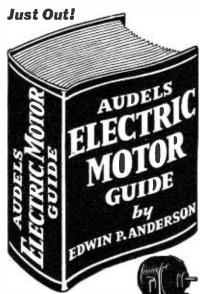
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Fig. 9 and is based upon measurement of the stylus tip motion for constant input. It does not include transfer or needle losses which occur in both recording and reproduction and which are rather severe at high frequencies (at low record surface speeds).

Distortion in records made with this head is extremely low. If distortion should be observed, it can usually be attributed to overmodulation which results in failure of the reproducer stylus to follow the groove. Such heads, when properly used, can consistently produce records equal in quality to the finest commercial transcriptions.

A compensator pack (Fig. 10) is provided to nullify the inductance of the head and present to the amplifier a nearly constant impedance. The recommended connections provide a resistance of 10 ohms in series with the cutting head. This resistance is bypassed with a 0.5  $\mu$ fd. condenser. The only purpose in making the compensator adjustable is to permit obtaining identical sensitivity among heads when more than one is used. Critical operators may wish to compensate for manufacturing tolerances by slightly increasing the value of series resistance in the high sensitivity units and slightly reducing it on the low heads. This should be done in steps of not more than 2.5 ohms which is possible by series-parallel connections. See Fig. 10. In no case should the total resistance in series with the head be less than 7.5 ohms or the frequency response will be seriously affected. High frequency response can be altered by varying the value of the capacitor.

The proper depth of groove can be found by observing the width relative to the remaining wall. The wall should be approximately two-thirds of the groove width. Or, in other words, forty per-cent wall and sixty per-cent groove. Some operators prefer to measure the thread thickness with a micrometer having a ratchet for insuring uniform pressure. Because of its shape, the thread will always lie flat in the micrometer. It should measure between 0.0018 and 0.002 inch. When grooves are too shallow, the pickup may slide across the record. Care should be taken that the feed mechanism is adjusted sufficiently level so that the depth of cut remains substantially constant over the entire record.

The cutting stylus should be nearly vertical to the record. Some prefer a

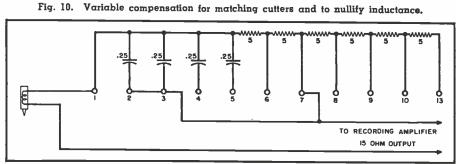
lagging angle two or three degrees off vertical, while others favor a leading or "digging in" angle of about two degrees off vertical. Laboratory tests have shown a slight lag or lead to be superior to an exactly vertical stylus in producing a highly polished groove. This applies to sapphire styli in particular.

When using professional recording heads, it is well to make surface noise tests and high frequency response measurements with all the styli which are on hand, selecting those that produce quiet, clean cuts. There should be a reasonable number of spare points available to prevent unnecessary use of worn styli. Noise tests from time to time will indicate the condition and degree of wear of the stylus. This can be accomplished by cutting unmodulated grooves with each stylus and measuring the relative noise output. using the high fidelity pickup and a volume indicator preceded by a 1000 cycle high pass filter. High frequency response measurements on styli can be made on one frequency, (for example, 8000 c.p.s.,) and the relative reproduced output noted. For this and the noise measurements recording tests should be made as closely as possible at the same diameter on the disc. The results change rapidly with surface speed.

### Determining Recording Level

It is impractical to make a plain statement of the correct recording level for any head. While sensitivity of the heads does not vary more than 2 db., the correct level can be established only by experience and tests. There are no fixed boundaries for disc recording representing 100% modulation. At low frequencies, it is true that the groove spacing limits the amplitude. At higher frequencies, the wave slope is the limiting factor. This slope varies with applied voltage and with record surface speed.

The correct maximum recording level is governed by a number of factors; the subject matter being recorded, the energy distribution with respect to the frequency, whether high frequency needle loss compensation is used, the record surface speed, the type of pickup to be used, the type and length of recording stylus, the type of indicating meter used and its dynamic characteristics, whether peak or average reading is used, the accuracy of program monitoring, the uniformity of average program levels,



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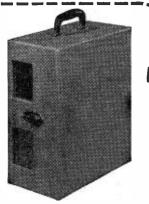
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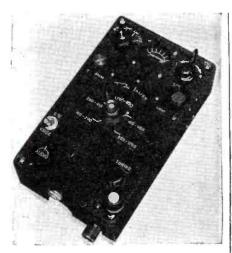
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Front view of pilot's indicator with a face size of  $3\frac{1}{4}$ "x  $3\frac{1}{4}$ ". The navigator's indicator is similar with the face size measuring  $5\frac{1}{2}$ "x  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ". Hermetic sealing protects the improved and more powerful autosyn indicator and provides trouble-free operation.



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central electrical interconnection point for the entire equipment. Also located in the mounting is a special control changeover relay, providing the transfer from one control box to the other. Connections to the receiver are made automatically as the receiver is slid into the mounting. These features reduce the number of electrical cables and components required, and reduce weight and installation space.

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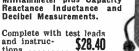
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With the advent of this postwar radio direction finder, radio compass design is now in line with the increasing trend of simplification in all aeronautical instruments. This important navigational device is now available to much smaller aircraft such as fighter planes, executive transports, sportsmen's planes, and the like. The radio compass, long an essential instrument in larger aircraft, will now contribute to the advancement of air navigation as a whole by making accurate use of the vast network of radio aids possible in small as well as large aircraft.

### **Signal Generator**

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quencies can be set up with an accuracy of 0.1%. From 425 to 550 kilocycles the second harmonic can be heard in the broadcast band. From 550 to 1000 kilocycles the fundamental can be logged.

The modulator is a 6J5 blocking oscillator.  $R_3$  and  $C_6$  provide grid leak bias.  $T_1$  is a push-pull output transformer with a ratio of 40 to 1. Any push-pull transformer would be satisfactory. The center tap of the primary is grounded. One side is returned to the grid and the other side provides audio to the suppressor of the 6SJ7. If at first the audio oscillator is inoperative the connections to the grid and suppressor should be reversed.

The cabinet and chassis were constructed at home of 22 gauge sheet metal. The dimensions of the cabinet are  $6\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ". The chassis is 2" x 6" x 9". All small components and the 8 henry choke are mounted under the chassis. The 6SJ7 is mounted directly behind the coil as may be seen in the photographs. All other components may readily be identified. Approximately twenty hours should be all the time required to construct this unit.

### **JAPANESE MIDGET METERS**

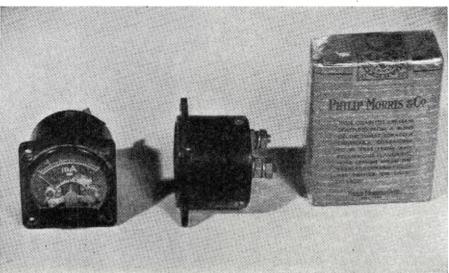
By ROBERT E. HARRISON

A LTHOUGH most of the enemy radio equipment was inferior to ours, credit should be given where credit is due. The Japanese beat us to the use of miniature panel meters. They were in use in almost all of their radio equipment during the latter part of the war.

These meters were not toys but featured a full-fledged D'Arsonval type movement with rectifier, thermocouple, or shunt as needed, all enclosed in a plastic case. The meter fits a one and one-half inch hole and extends one inch

Rugged? They sure are. The one pictured is a 0-.5 milliampere movement. It was found submerged in salt water and had apparently been there for some time, yet when the water was removed from the case and the meter dried, it not only worked but when checked against a precision laboratory instrument, it had no readable error throughout its range.

The faults found with the meters in general were, poor workmanship in the fitting of the movement into the case, very few movements were interchangeable, and the fact that the cases did not fit snugly over the movement and back piece to prevent moisture and dirt from getting in. **-30**-



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### **International Short-Wave**

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hour of Summer Time, thus, is two hours ahead of GMT. New schedules were not at hand at the time of compiling the Department; watch for them over the air as the BBC gives schedules frequently.

GSK, 26.100, is now heard to 1200; excellent signal in East. (Howe)

Ethiopia—Radio Addis Ababa, 9.620, is audible in Australia at 1000; English session is at 1030. (Radio Call) Has been heard occasionally in Omaha, around 1055-1110, very weak signal. (Patterson)

Listeners should keep a lookout for Radio Addis Ababa on 15.074, supposed to come on any time now with regular daily schedule; would appreciate reports on this one.

Finland-Finnish stations announce as "Finland Calling," station calls are seldom used; current schedules include OIX4, 15.190, Pori, 0715-0740; 1245-1255, 1705-1715, 1925-1945. OIX2, 9.500, Pori and Helsinki, parallels. News of about 10 minutes duration is heard at 0715 and 1925 (not on Sundays at latter time). These stations use 15 kw. Have news in French at 1245 and 1705. (von Harpe, Helsinki)

France-The 7.28 frequency is heard at sign-off of European Service at 1715, in parallel with 9.52, 9.62, 11.845, and 11.885. This frequency is also used to Latin America, 1730-2045, and to North America, 2100-2245. (Beck) Other transmitters used to North America, 2100-2245, are 9.55 and 11.845.

French Equatorial Africa-Radio Brazzaville announces news for its 25and 31-meter outlets (11.97, 9.44) as follows: For Europe and the British Isles, 1345, 1545; for East Coast of U.S.A., 1715; for Central U.S.A., 1900; for West Coast of U.S.A. and the Pacific, 0100 (this may mean the newscast reported by listeners as heard at 0030); and for Far East, 0715. (Pearce) Other frequencies are used in parallel at various times, including a new one on 17.843 (measured).

The 17.843 frequency is heard in Eastern U.S. to sign-off at 1700. (Kary) Is also heard in the beam between 0000-0100. (Balbi)

French Indo-China-Current schedules of Radio Saigon, 6.19, 11.78, and 1050 kcs., are 1800-2000, 2130-0040, 0300-1030, with English periods between 1945-2000, 0500-0545, and 0830-0930; the Letter-Box (answering letters from listeners) is radiated on Fridays at 0550.

A news bulletin is now read by the "Voice of Viet Nam," Radio Pnompenh, at 0745; station has bad CWQRM in Australia. (Radio Call) Frequency is about 12.364. Has been heard on West Coast with news at 0645. (Nankervis) Also scheduled with English at 1045. (Dilg)

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Germany-Berlin does not operate on 9.73 as has been reported in the past; this is Leipzig's frequency only. According to a translated version of a German letter of verification from Berlin Radio, Leipzig relays Berlin's programs. The short-wave transmitter on 6.070 is equipped with a circular-emission antenna and is situated at Konigswusterhausen, about 60 km. from Berlin; power is 5 kw., while Leipzig's power is 12 kw. Address of Berlin Radio is Technical Director, Berliner Rundfunk, Berlin-Charlottenburg 9, Germany.

The American relay stations in Munich are scheduled: Munich I— 7.290, 1100-1615, to Balkans; Munich II—11.87, 1100-1400, to Europe, and 6.170, 1415-1615, to Europe; Munich IV-9.54, 1100-1615, to Europe. Evidently, Munich III in the 49-m. band has been dropped for the summer.

Gold Coast-ZOY, Radio Accra, 7.295, is good signal in Australia at 1230 when light music is broadcast; at 1245 there is news; station closes at 1300 with "God Save the King." (Radio Call)

Greece-SVD-2, 7.295, Athens, is now scheduled 1400-1545, during which time news is radiated in all languages, including English. (Pearce)

Guatemala—TGWA is being heard evenings on 19.520; is second harmonic of 9.760. (Howe) TGWA is also widely reported on 26.125 from about 0800 to 1800; mornings has QRM from London's GSK, 26.100. (NNRC)

Hawaii-KRHO, 9.650, Honolulu, is scheduled 0245-0345 and 0400-1100; the 17.800 outlet is scheduled 1700-2015 and 2030-0100.

Holland-In celebration of its 20th anniversary on the air, PCJ, Hilversum, announced a contest for the best answer to the question: "Can International Radio Promote World Peace?" Essays were to be of 200 words or less; closing date for the contest was not learned. First prize will be a trip (via air) to Holland, and other prizes will also be awarded.

PJC, 9.59, usually has good signal in the newscast and commentaries read daily except Sunday, 2300.

Hong Kong-ZBW3, 9.515, now has fair signal on West Coast to 1000 signoff; announces return at 1230 Hong Kong time (2330), (Balbi) Heard in British Columbia daily to sign-off; gives call of ZBW; has same characteristic hum on carrier as in prewar days, but is a far weaker signal, with considerable QRM. (Park)

India—The 11.87 frequency is an excellent signal in New York in the 0630 news session. (Beck) In the news period from Delhi at 2230, I note good signals on 15.16, 17.83; weak on 21.51; the 15.19 frequency is good level

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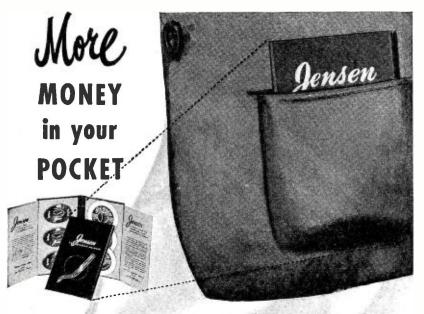
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Delhi has replaced 15.29 with 17.76 between 0730-0740 when news is radiated. (Legge)

Iran—In a verification letter to Paul Dilg, California, Radio Tabriz stated: "Since the date of your letter, we have added English to our list of foreign languages; our English transmission comes on the air at 0650, daily except Fridays; it last only 10 minutes, the news being followed by a couple of gramophone records." It was further stated, "We should be much pleased if you would write us every so often and let us know how you receive our station, and make any suggestions that you can on every phase of our work as comes to your attention at such a great distance as you are from us. We are surprised and pleased that you can hear us at all." The letter was signed by Manuchehr Tranj, an official of the station, and address was simply Radio Tabriz, Tabriz, Iran.

Mr. Dilg comments that it is likely the station by this time has gone on Summer Time, in which case the *English* news period probably is presented at 0550. During the winter the station presented Iranian news at 0500, Russian at 0530, and French at 0540. Frequencies used are 6.087 (varies) and 12.120.

EPB, 15.100, Teheran, now appears to have news daily, including Sunday, at 0715; announces 6.155 outlet in parallel. (Pearce) The 6.155 frequency is now scheduled 2300-0030, 0700-0900, and 1100-1530. The 15.100 frequency parallels in the 0700-0900 transmission. (Logan)

URDXC lists the news for 0615; this would likely be correct if Iran is now on Summer Time.

Ireland—Arthur Levi, ISW monitor in Belfast, secured this data direct from the Engineer-in-chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, The Castle, Dublin: "The Irish Short Wave Station still transmits news daily from 1340 to 1400 on 17.840, and from 1710 to 1730 on 9.595. A new 100 kw. short-wave station is in course of construction which it is hoped to complete towards the end of the present year." However, Mr. Levi does not hear these transmissions; does anyone?

Italy—The American Expeditionary Station in Rome, 6.060, is scheduled 0100-0400 and 1600-2000; reports should be sent to Signal Officer, Rome Area, Allied Command, APO 794, c/o Postmaster, New York City. (RSGB)

Jamaica—ZQI, 2.330, Kingston, signs off at 2210. (Crandall)

Japan—JKD appears to have replaced JLR as the callsign of the AFRS station on 6.015; heard in Louisiana with news at 0800. The Home Service is heard there also at 0710 over JLW, 7.258. (Crandall)

The 9.695 frequency is heard at

0130 on West Coast, paralleling 15.325, 15.225, 9.655; the 3.475 frequency is heard there between 0530-0630. (Baxter) The Japanese station heard on 3.475, around 0530 and later, paralleling 4.910, may be JO4E, Hiroshima. with a relay of the Japanese National Program. (Dilg)

Java—The Dutch in Java have been

conducting extensive experiments in the use of different frequencies for their Soerabaya station. One of these outlets, Radio Batavia, 9.470, signs off

at 1130. (Radio Call)

Indonesian stations are appearing "all over" these days; among frequencies on which they are noted are 6.370, 6.940, 5.450, 5.000, 7.660, 8.920, 4.370, 4.835, 4.945, 5.615, around 0500-0930, or later. (Baxter)

The 10.060 Javan definitely identifies as "Radio Omroep Bandoeng."

(Karv)

The 10.365 station appears to be scheduled regularly for 1100-1130. (Dilg) Is reported heard irregularly at other times.

The Dutch station in Batavia using 18.135, has been heard on a Sunday around 0925-1015 sign-off, announcing "Hier ist Radio Batavia;" had devotional service in Dutch at 1000; fair signal in Pennsylvania. (Kary)

PMA, 19.350, Bandoeng, heard Sundays, 0800-0900, with broadcast in

Dutch. (Legge)

Kenya-VQ7LO, 4.890, Nairobi, appears to now be on the low frequency side of Colombo, Ceylon, 4.900; heard with classical recordings at 1330 to sign-off (after time pips) at 1900 with "Cable and Wireless Broadcasting Station, Nairobi, now closing down until 1 p.m. tomorrow." CWQRM at times. Heard in England as early as 1130 with native music; news and commentary from the BBC heard at 1300. (Pearce)

Madagascar-Australians report good signals from Radio Tananarive, 9.695, around 1100, in relay with the outlet on about 6.065; identifies as "Ici Radio Tananarive." (Radio Call)

Malaya-Radio Malaya, 4.83 (listed on 4.82), Singapore, has had exceptionally strong signals on West Coast mornings during the spring, to 1030 sign-off; occasionally is on to 1100 or later; this station is not to be confused with Singapore on higher frequencies. The British Far Eastern Broadcasting Service, Singapore, is now using all channels (6.77, 11.73, 15.27) simultaneously to 1100 or later; news is relayed from London's BBC at 1000 and 1100; strong signals on West Coast from all frequencies. (Park) This network also uses 15.300.

Monaco-From July, Radio Monte Carlo will increase power to 25 kw. on its short-wave outlet, 6.130, and the medium-wave station on 731 kcs. will use 120 kw. Schedule on 6.130 is 0130-0330, 0600-0800, and 1300-1715; present power is 300 watts. (Pearce)

Norway-Australians report Oslo's LKJ, 9.54, opening at 0545 with good signal.

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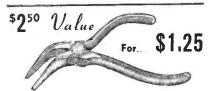
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tralia reported LKQ, 11.735, LLI, 6.185, LKJ, 9.54, and LLS, 7.21, all scheduled 1100-1700; only one heard in New York is LKQ, fair to good, 1400-1700. (Beck)

Philippines—KZPI, 9.71, Manila, has good signals in British Columbia, using 250 watts power; on daily, 1630-1100 (announced); relays BCB outlet on 800 kcs.; verification of correct reports promised. (Park) KZPI has news at 0400. (Nankervis)

KZRH, 9.64, Manila, has good signal mornings in British Columbia, but there is heavy QRM and heterodyne. (Park) Has news at 0730 which "originates in the newsroom of KZRH"; reports in club publications that this newscast came from the BBC were in error. (Dilg) Some overseas sources list call of this outlet as KZRM; latter may be a medium-wave call

Poland—Warsaw, 6.114, has news daily at 1550-1605; strong signal in Britain. (Shankie) Radio Warsaw hopes to move to a better channel following the international radio conference scheduled for the U.S. in May. (Kary)

Portuguese China-Macao is reported on frequencies varying from

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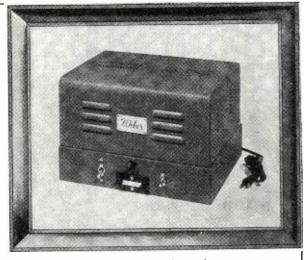
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9.23 to 9.254; has news at approximately 0740, and has been heard to announce as "Macao Radio Club," with a call of CR8AA; according to Radio Call, the station leaves the air around 0940 with the Portuguese National Anthem.

Siam-Direct from Nai Sunthorn Hongladarom, Chief of the Foreign Division, The Publicity Department, Bangkok, comes official schedules of Radio Bangkok. The Overseas Service is heard on HS8PD, 49.6 m., 6.040 (actually appears to be around 5.995, according to listeners), 0500-0630, in daily program in English, as follows: Three chimes and opening announcement at 0500; music on records; The News at 0515; musical entertainment at 0525; press review (Mon., Wed., Fri.) or talks (Tue., Thur., Sat.) or The Passing Week (Sun.) at 0545; musical entertainment at 0550; The News at 0615; musical interlude at 0625; program announcements; closedown at 0630. The Home Service is transmitted over HS7PJ, 363.32 m., 825.65 kcs., 0700-0915 (programs in Siamese). While this period is not listed for transmission on short-wave, it has been reported heard from the 6.040 outlet. "The Overseas Broadcasting Station," as Radio Bangkok is now called, is sending out a very nice (new) verification card. It was stated. "We will gladly reply to any queries or verify any reports from listeners abroad and we do not demand reply coupons." Normal input power of the short-wave station was listed at 900 watts with an output of 500 watts.

Southern Rhodesia—ZEA, Salisbury, is scheduled on 3.65, 1200-1700. Umtali, 3.40, is on daily, 1000-1300, and also broadcasts on 6.08, 0300-0330. (ISWC) Australians report Salisbury signs off at 1535 with "God Save the King"; identifies as, "You are tuned to Salisbury." (DXSA)

Spain-New schedules of Madrid, 9.369 (announced), are 1330-1600 and 1930-2200; news at 1500. (Beck)

Tahiti-FO8AA, 6.98, Papeete, was recently logged by Paul Kary, Pennsylvania, at 2258 in French on a Friday; a man spoke in a Polynesian language from around 2308-2332; signed off at 2338 with a march which was not "La Marseillaise." (This station is usually covered by CW, but occasionally comes in with fair level in the East; heard often on West Coast.) At last report was scheduled Tuesday, Friday only, around 2200-2330

U.S.A.—The World Radio University has resumed its broadcasts to Europe over the Boston transmitters, WRUL, 15.29, and WRUW, 11.73, 1500-1700, in English, Dutch, French, Norwegian, Greek, and other languages.

U.S.S.R.—Reception of Moscow continues unreliable. Best bet in the evening beam to the United States appears to be 9.48, 1820-2100, but this frequency often has bad CWQRM. The 7.24 frequency is audible some evenings. (Beck) The 11.89 frequency, used widely for sending press

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dispatches to the U.S. around 1900-1930, appears now to be transmitting the English language beam to the United States, 1820-2100; poor signal. (Patterson) In the morning North American (English) beam, best signal is heard on the 15.18 (announced) frequency, 0700-0800. (Patterson)

### Last Minute Tips

In a recent dispatch from Geneva, it was stated that United Nations representatives and a Swiss government delegation have concluded an agreement for the use of certain wavelengths and broadcasting facilities. The agreement is ready for submission to the United Nations. It is proposed to use the old "Radio Nations," property of the League of Nations and now acquired by the Swiss government, as temporary premises pending the establishment of a permanent sta-

tion by the U.N. (Callahan)
HVJ, Vatican, now has English session at 0900 instead of 1000 on 9.66.

YSUA, not YSU, is correct call of Radio Mil Cincuenta, Salvador, 6.250. YSU is BCB call. (Kary)

Cape Town's 9.608 is heard with good signal mornings to 1045 sign-off.

XMAG, about 11.250, Nanking, is heard on West Coast around 0520-0950 or later, seems to have irregular schedule; 4.275 is in parallel. XOPD seems to vary a great deal; has been logged on 9.910, 9.895, 9.880. (Baxter)

A station heard on about 21.450, with fair signal, at 1145, in French, may be Brussels. (Baxter)

In a recent DX session, Radio Australia reported VQ7LO, Nairobi, Kenya, had moved from 4.95 to 4.885. (Beck)

XLRA, about 11.49, Hankow, is probably scheduled 0530-0945. XOPD, Hangchow, has been "jumping around," in vicinity of 9.795. Formosa on about 7.220 has Chinese news at 0800, and relays XGOY's news at 0900, has been heard around 0930 with news

at dictation speed. (Dilg)
HI2T, Monsenor Noel, Dominican Republic, appears to have moved to 7.275. (Beck) Heard signing off at 0000, announcing as "HI3T and HI2T, "La Voz del Yuna, Ciudad Trujillo." HI3T may be medium-wave call. (Baxter) Widely heard.

Mervyn P. Laubscher, South Africa, has secured these current official schedules direct from Radio Clube de Mocambique, Lourenco Marques:

Portuguese—Weekdays, 0000-0100, CR7BJ, 9.645; 0400-0630, CR7BJ, 9.645; 1100-1500, CR7AA, 6.137, and CR7BJ, 9.645; Sundays, 0400-0700, CR7BJ, 9.645, and 1100-1500, CR7AA, 6.137.

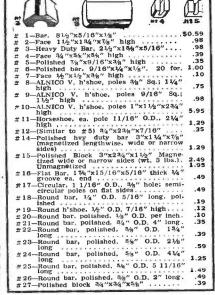
English - Weekdays, 1100-1700, CR7BV, 4.900, and CR7AB, 4.390; Sundays, 0200-0700, CR7BE, 9.580, 1000-1700, CR7BV, 4.900, and CR7AB, 3.490.

In monitoring Lourenco Marques for RADIO NEWS, Mr. Laubscher makes this comment: "I find schedules for weekdays are in order, but the Sunday data do not 'click.' The Portuguese morning program is not on June, 1947

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An Indonesian station on about 14.550 has *all-English* program between 0900-1000; announces as "Voice of Free Indonesia"; news varies around 0945 to 0950; parallels 7.420; announces as 14.490 and 7.420. (Baxter)

Moscow is using 15.300, new, in parallel with 15.340 at 0030. (Baxter)

OZH-2, Copenhagen, is reported scheduled 0800-1245, Sundays only, on 15.32; has not yet been reported as heard in the United States.

Bucharest, 9.25, is reported scheduled 0000-0015 and at other times. (Beck) Is it heard on this side of the Atlantic?

XGOA, Nanking, on 9.73 and 11.835, carries the news from XGOY at 0900. (If now on Summer Time, this XGOY English news service, relayed by many Chinese stations, including Formosa, may be heard an hour earlier, that is, at 0800.)

Radio Rangoon, Burma, is reported back on about 9.54 from 6.035, for the English transmission, 0840-1015, news at 0845.

Frequency for CR7IB, Beira, Portuguese East Africa, has been measured at 7.165 by Henry Ecksteen, Pretoria, South Africa, a RADIO NEWS monitor. Paralleled by CR7IC, 3.498, CR7IB is scheduled daily, 0445-0545 and 1300-1500; Sundays, 0400-0700; uses Portuguese, no English noted. (Laubscher)

PRL-9, 17.85, Rio de Janeiro, has been heard mornings to 0745 sign-off. (Legge)

Radio Roumania, Bucharest, appears to be on in 15-min. periods on the hour at various times, such as 0900, 1000, and so on; has been heard in Britain at 1500, 1800; gives multi-lingual call (including English); asks for reports from listeners, including time of reception, strength, fading, interference, type of receiver used; address given as Roumanian Radio, 41 General Bethulow Street, Bucharest, Roumania; states all reports will be verified in writing. (Pearce)

Praia, Cape Verde Islands, 6.400, is scheduled 1530-1700 with .03 kw.; address, Radio Clube de Cabo Verde, Praia, Cape Verde Islands. (Frick)

Japanese stations on 7.258, 6.003, and 4.910 are heard at 0445 with *English* lesson. (Dilg)

Gerard V. de Freitas, long-time manager of ZFY, Georgetown, British Guiana, has resigned to take over program direction of the new Radio Trinidad; he was manager of the B.G. United Broadcasting Co., Ltd., from 1941 to 1947, and for a period during the war was in Washington, D.C., doing radio work concerning Latin America. He has been succeeded by A. E. Roberts who has been connected with ZFY since 1941 as secretary; Mr. Roberts has been associated with Guiana broadcasting since 1935 when he was one of the early announcers of VP3BG. (ZFY Radio Guide)

Hargeisha, British Somaliland, 7.12, is on daily, 0800-1030. (Pearson)

By this time, YV7RB, Cumana, Venezuela, will probably have moved from 3.470 to 3.590, with the installation of a new transmitter; wants reports, but must be sent in Spanish; address, c/o Estacion de Onda Large YV7RA, "Radio Sucre," Apartado 26,

Cumana, Sucre, Venezuela. (Kary) Airmail tips just in from Ronald Gray, New Zealand, include: YI5KG, 7.085, Baghdad, Iraq, signs off at 1430; news in Arabic is at 1400; Bucharest, 9.25, heard testing at 2300-2315; Sofia, Bulgaria, on 7.660 has news at 1530, and signs off at 1540; XGOE, 9.82, Kweilin, appears to open at 0530, has news at 0600.

Finally, these late tips come airmail from Miss Dorothy Sanderson, Malvern, Australia, one of the leading DX-ers "Down Under": Western type music is heard in Australia at 0530 from XMTA, 12.215, Changsha. Radio Kuala Lumpur, 6.165, Malaya, has and music at 0800. AIR, Delhi, 4.96, has news at 0730. FK8AA, 6.16, Radio Noumea, New Caledonia, has news in French and music at 0445. Radio Macassar, 12.32, has been heard at 0530 with musical program. WLKS, 6.105. Kure, Japan, outlet of BCOF, is heard with news at 0430. CR7BU, 4.92, Mozambique, has news at 1515, good signal. Radio Rodina, 9.33, Sofia, Bulgaria, has news at 1530, followed by program details. The Suva, Fiji Islands, weather station on about 6.45 is heard with weather reports at 0600.

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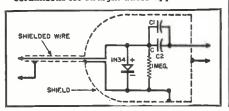
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### CRYSTAL DIODE PROBE

WE HAVE received several inquiries for the circuit diagram of the crystal diode probe pictured on page 43 of the January, 1947, issue of RADIO NEWS. The author, Mr. J. C. Hoadley, has given us this information, and we felt that it would be of interest to many of our readers. Therefore, the diagram and values of component parts are reproduced below.

Circuit diagram of crystal probe. It can be used with either crystal phones or voltmeter. Note C1 and C2 should be as large as possible if audio frequencies are to be measured. The author used two 51  $\mu\mu$ fd. ceramicons for r.f. and two 1000  $\mu\mu$ fd. ceramicons for straight audio applications.



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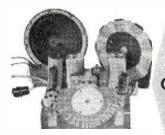
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- 1. Would you rather (a) read a story (b) listen to a story (c) tell a story
- 2. Which do you like best? (a) conservative people (b) people who have done you favors (c) absent-minded people
- 3. Assuming that you had equal ability for all three, which you rather study? (a) chemistry (b) music (c) public speaking
- 4. Have you on your own initiative organized clubs or other groups in the last five years (a) more than three (b) one to three (c) none
- 5. Which would you rather do (a) write a newspaper column of advice on personal problems (b) raise chickens (c) study the effectiveness of different types of sales letters
- 6. When you see someone in a public place who appears familiar, do you ask him whether you have met before (a) sometimes (b) rarely (c) never
- 7. Do you make up your mind for yourself (a) frequently (b) sometimes (c) very seldom
- S. If you were asked to help out in a community chest drive, which job would you prefer (a) write daily reports of the progress of the drive (b) solicit money for the drive (c) make a record of the pledges as they come in
- 9. A written statement that goods or money have been received is (a) a receipt (b) an acceptance (c) a voucher
- 10. Which would you rather do (a) solve mechanical puzzles (b) play chess (c) go to a vaudeville show
- 11. If you received the same wages, which would you rather do (a) conduct an advertising campaign for a florist (b) develop a new variety of flower (c) take telephone orders in a florist shop
- 12. Which would you rather read (a) Atlantic Monthly (b) American Magazine (c) National Geographic Magazine
- 13. If you attend a lecture are you stimulated to develop new ideas and anxious to ask further questions (a) frequently (b) occasionally (c) seldom or never
- 14. If, in the case of Question No. 13, a discussion period follows the lecture, do you ask questions (a) frequently (b) occasionally (c) seldom or never
- 15. If you have just recently begun to sell a new product, and are trying to sell a prominent and wealthy individual who says "You will never succeed in this game unless you acquire more experience and confidence in yourself," what would you do? (a) realize that you couldn't sell him, and try another prospect (b) continue to try to sell him (c) agree that you need more experience, and ask him for further advice
- 16. If for some reason you had to change jobs, which of these would you try to find, assuming that you had equal ability for all, and would receive the same salary in each (a) statistician (b) social welfare work (c) office manager
- 17. Selling below cost in order to drive a competitor out of business means (a) dumping (b) bankruptcy sale (c) cutthroat competition
- 18. Who would you most like to have been (a) Frank Sinatra, singer (b) Marshall Field, merchant (c) Thomas Edison, inventor
- 19. If you have made a mistake which is discovered by your superior, do you make excuses (a) practically never (b) sometimes (c) usually
- 20. Currency which would always have the same exchange value in goods would be (a) managed (b) standard (c) stabilized (Answers on page 167)

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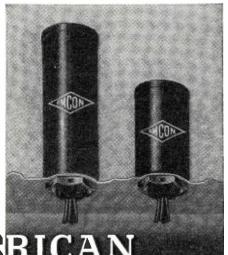
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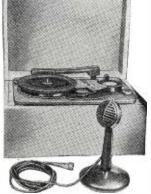


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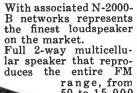
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# Manufacturers' Literature

Readers are asked to write directly to the manufacturer for the literature. By mentioning RADIO NEWS, the issue and page, and enclosing the proper amount, when indicated, delay will be prevented.

### LAFAYETTE CATALOGUE

Radio Wire Television Inc. (Lafayette Radio) of New York is offering a new 144-page catalogue which lists over 10,000 items for the serviceman, amateur, experimenter and broadcaster.

Radio receivers, parts and test equipment, ham receivers and transmitters, custom-built cabinets, p.a. equipment, record changers and recording equipment, technical books, kits and replacement parts are all listed in this 25th anniversary catalogue.

Copies of the catalogue are free and may be secured by writing the company, *Radio Wire Television Inc.*, 100 Sixth Avenue, New York, New York

### SOLDERLESS WIRING

Compiled to assist design and production engineers, Aircraft-Marine Products Inc. has announced a selection data book covering their entire line of solderless wiring devices.

Bound in plastic, this book covers various types of solderless terminals, their features and application in a series of concise, illustrated charts which are index-tabbed for quick reference.

A copy of this data book may be obtained by writing to Aircraft-Marine Products Inc., 1615 North 4th Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

### COLOR CODE CHART

Designed to be of service to the radio serviceman, amateur and engineer, Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corporation is distributing free of charge an easy-to-read card listing Army-Navy and RMA color codes for mica capacitors.

This small pocket-sized chart provides data on capacitance, tolerance and drift of almost any mica capacitor

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### JFD BULLETIN

Covering items essential to the radio serviceman, *JFD Manufacturing Co.*, of Brooklyn, has recently issued a four-page leaflet which is being distributed without charge.

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### SYLVANIA TUBE DATA

A new and comprehensive technical manual containing basic application data on 545 types of radio receiving tubes has been announced by the Radio Tube Division, Sylvania Electric Products Inc.

Designed for the radio set designer, radio serviceman and industrial electronic engineer, the book includes characteristic curves for tube types in common use, resistance coupled amplifier data, interchangeable tube charts, connections for standard RMA internal and external shields, typical receiver and amplifier circuits, dictionary of tube, circuit and FM terms, and instructions on how to use the characteristic curves.

The 378 page manual is bound with a ring type spine to permit the book to lay flat for easy reference. The book is available at a charge of \$.85 from Sylvania distributors or from the company, Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Emporium, Pa.

### ALLIED CATALOGUE

Listing over 10,000 radio and electronics parts, test units, batteries, radios and phonographs, p.a. and intercom equipment, recorders and accessories, communications receivers, etc. Allied Radio Corporation of Chicago has announced the availability of their 164-page, 1947 catalogue.

### EXPORT PRODUCTS WANTED

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A large section of the new catalogue has been devoted to the requirements of the amateur, while builders and experimenters will find a variety of kits, accessories and parts listed for their convenience.

Free copies of the catalogue are available from *Allied Radio Corporation*, 833 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 7, Illinois.

#### **CANNON PLUGS**

Filled with ideas for assembly, servicing, maintenance and portability of electric equipment through the use of connectors, the new Cannon Electric Development Company book "Cannon Plugs for the Electric Circuits of Industry" has been released for distribution.

This 76-page illustrated book covers the communications, power, railroad, aviation, television, commercial radio, etc. industries and is designed to stimulate design thinking along the line of product improvement through the use of connectors.

Copies of the book will be sent free to those making their request on company letterhead. Address Catalogue Director, Cannon Electrical Development Company, 3209 Humboldt Street, Los Angeles 13, California.

#### **ELECTRICAL STANDARD**

A new standard, "Basic Graphical Symbols for Electric Apparatus," has just been issued by the American Standards Association.

Known as American Standard Z32.12-1947, this new publication was sponsored by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The standard consists of 152 basic symbols for electrical drawings which in combination can be used to describe a variety of circuits and other electrical devices. Some of the classes of symbols treated in the new standard include those covering the electronic, thermionic and cold cathode fields, and photo-emissive tubes, transformers, inductors and capacitors.

Copies of the standard are available from *American Standards Association*, 70 East 45th Street, New York 17, New York. The price is 40 cents per copy.

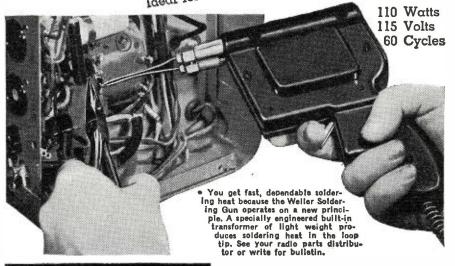
#### TECHNICAL MANUAL

The Tube Division of General Electric Company's Electronics Department has recently made available a new 700-page technical manual covering electronic receiving tubes.

Designed especially for manufacturers and designers of electronic equipment, this manual has been prepared with an expander type binder to permit the data to be kept up-to-date. Included in this manual are discussions of the application and performance of receiving tubes, performance curves, ratings, outline drawings, basing diagrams and other pertinent information.

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the manual up-to-date will be \$1.00 a year beginning in 1949.

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#### BATTERY GUIDE

Radio Corporation of America is currently distributing copies of a new ready-reference booklet which is designed to enable dealers to select the proper RCA battery for any one of 120 brands of battery-operated radios.

This 8-page booklet lists radio brands alphabetically and model numbers in numerical sequence. Adjoining columns show the proper RCA battery

RCA distributors are handling the distribution of this booklet.

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### **Universal Voltmeter**

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heater current and the forward resistance of such a tube would be so high as to limit the sensitivity of a voltmeter using a 0-1 milliammeter as its indicating instrument (1000 ohms per volt).

We now have another choice, i.e. the 1N34 crystal diode manufactured by Sylvania Electric Products Inc. These little diodes, no larger than a 1 watt resistor, need no sockets, as they may be soldered directly into the circuit by their axial leads. Their cost, about a dollar each, compares favorably with a tube diode.

These little diodes have several characteristics which make them ideal for our application. First, they have an extremely low forward resistance, in the order of 50 to 200 ohms, depending on current and applied voltage. Secondly, their current rating is high, being in the order of 20 milliamperes, which allows plenty of elbow room in selecting a meter. Finally, their frequency response is essentially flat to over 100 megacycles. Their back resistance is high enough to be considered negligible in this application, being in the order of 200,000 to 500,000. They are small enough to be squeezed into existing volt-ohm-milliammeters and are easily supported by their. leads.

Note in the photograph the size of the 1N34 compared to a one watt resistor.

In Fig. 1 we find a circuit for a voltmeter which reads d.c. voltages, disregarding polarity, and a.c. voltages. It has a total of seven ranges. There will be a tendency toward nonlinearity on the low a.c. and d.c. scales. This is usual on all rectifier type a.c. meters, and a meter with an a.c. scale may be used, or the scale may be hand calibrated.

Switch S<sub>2</sub> selects the voltage to be read. The resistors may be 1 watt 5% carbon. If a large number of these resistors are on hand, they may be culled

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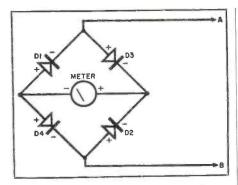


Fig. 2. Basic circuit of voltmeter is made up of four half-wave rectifiers.

and resistors accurate to 2% may be selected. If 1% precision resistors are used, it might be well to determine the meter's internal resistance and the actual forward resistance of your crystal diodes, as they vary somewhat from unit to unit.

The parts list (Fig. 1) indicates the multiplier resistor values for a 0-1 milliammeter and also those used with a zero to 50 microammeter. Of course, a meter of any intermediate sensitivity may be used. The higher the sensitivity of the meter, the less the series resistance of the diode will affect the accuracy. The unit may be mounted in a box or on a small panel as shown in the photograph. The meter shunts were the ones which came with the meter, which was a multirange microammeter, originally.

Existing multimeters may be modified by removing the leads from the meter itself and inserting the 1N34 bridge, together with a switch to open the bridge circuit. The installation will, of course, vary with your par-ticular meter. When completed, you will own an unusual but useful addition to your service artillery.

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When Dr. Cledo Brunetti, chief of the ordnance development section of the National Bureau of Standards, appeared on CBS's "Adventures in Science" program recently he demonstrated a new radio transmitter which fits into a lipstick container. One of the special features of the broadcast was a pickup from the transmitter for which Dr. Brunetti has a special FCC license.



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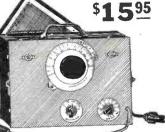


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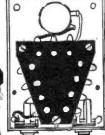


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### R. F. Power Supplies

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windings are universal wound with 7 strand No. 38 Litz enameled wire. The coil is dipped in tropicalization dope and baked until dry, or "Q Max" coil dope can be used. The coil is mounted with the grid lead towards the 6V6GT socket to keep the leads short. In making solder connections to the 7 strand No. 38 enameled Litz wire, each strand must be carefully cleaned and tinned. Use a very fine emery cloth to clean off the enamel. Remember if one strand is lost it will affect the coil. The pickup loop,  $L_4$ , is made with No. 16 solid wire with spaghetti slipped over it. The size and placing of this loop is so designed that it will light the filament of the 8016 diode rectifier properly for the output of the unit. In mounting the coil do not run a metal bolt through the coil center. Use short screws in the tapped holes. The filament of the 8016 diode will show an even red glow when at proper potential. Do not measure the voltage with a low resistance voltmeter, as it will pull the output down.

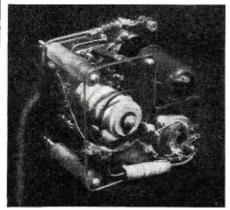
### Layout of the Unit

Two pieces of plexiglas or phenolic are cut out and shaped as shown in Fig. 3. On one piece leave out the holes, A, B, C, as these are needed only on the grid end. The tube sockets are mounted face to face and all leads are kept short. The special tie posts are handy but not necessary. They rivet into the phenolic. The 21/16"x1/2" spacers are made of wood or phenolic rod, and a bolt threaded through them, or they can be tapped.

#### Shielding

The shielding of a radio frequency power supply becomes somewhat of a problem. Because of the low frequencies the penetration is greater and an ordinary screen has little or no effect on the radiation. Shielding also causes a loss of efficiency. When figured out it will be found that for the most cases at 250 kc. an airtight ¼" aluminum case is the answer. All leads entering or leaving the shield must be bypassed

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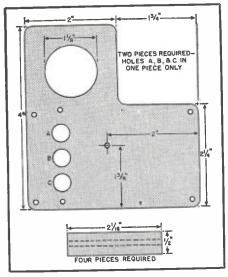
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Fig. 3. Mechanical layout of the two plexiglas or phenolic panels. Four wood or phenolic separators are required.

and in some cases a double shield will be necessary. In the higher powered units a shielded high voltage cable is also used for the output; the shield being grounded at the case. --30-

### Band Switching Xm'tr.

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their low-capacitance settings when  $L_1$  and  $L_3$  are in the circuits. They hit 20 meters at high capacitance and 10 meters at low capacitance with  $L_2$ and  $L_{\rm s}$ .

The oscillator may be tuned to the crystal fundamental (or e.c.o. output frequency) or to double that frequency. The 807 stage will operate as a straight-through amplifier, doubler, tripler, or quadrupler. Several methods of operation thus are available and at the choice of the operator.

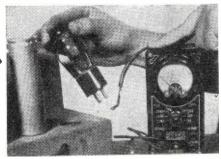
The 807 should not be loaded to

### TEST LEAD WITH SPRING WIRES

IT IS often desirable to contact a radio tube prong from the outside of the chassis or without removing the chassis from the cabinet.

With the type of tube illustrated this may be done by attaching to the test lead a piece of spring wire bent as shown-so that the two ends of the wire will spread apart and grip the tube prong when forced over it.

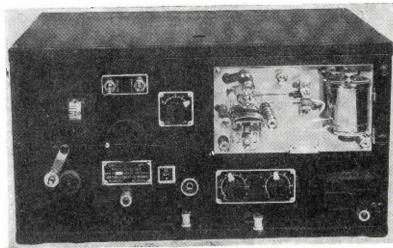
In use a short length of insulated sleeving is slipped down over the wireleaving only the extreme end which contacts the tube exposed . . H.L.



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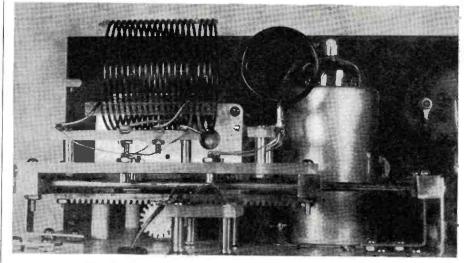


Fig. 6. Close-up of the amplifier band-changing mechanism.

more than 100 milliamperes plate current. With a plate voltage of 400, this amounts to 40 watts input. 600 volts will give 60 watts input, and 750 volts (c.w. telegraphy only), 75 watts.

Since the transmitter shown here was designed expressly for radiote-lephony and for later use as an exciter for a pair of 812's, no provision was made for keying. However, a closed-circuit keying jack may be included easily in series with either the 7C5 or 807 cathode. Oscillator keying, if desired, may be employed with complete safety, since the self-bias resistor,  $R_6$ , in the 807 cathode circuit will limit the amplifier plate and screen currents to safe values when the key is up.

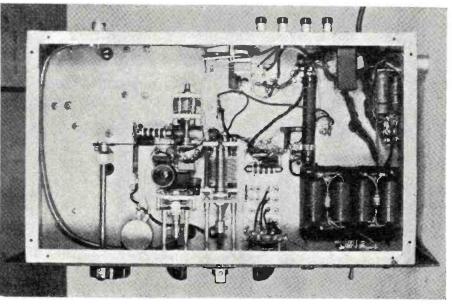
When changing bands, only one precaution is in order and that is to release the push-to-talk switch before switching the amplifier coils. If this is not done, the 807 screen will draw excessive current during the interval when no plate coil is in the circuit. This brings to mind that an additional refinement would be the inclusion of a switch in the amplifier band-changing mechanism to remove automatically

the 807 screen voltage when changing bands.

Modulator requirements are modest. For an 807 plate voltage of 400, the modulator should have an output of 21 watts and an output impedance of 4664 ohms for plate-screen modulation. For a plate voltage of 475, audio output should be 25 watts and impedance 4524 ohms. For a plate voltage of 600, audio output should be 31 watts and impedance 5635 ohms.

Narrow-band FM on 10 meters may be obtained by setting the transmitter for 10-meter output (as if coming down from an 80-meter oscillator) and feeding into the e.c.o. input jack,  $J_1$ , the 3625-to-3712.5 kc. output of a crystal-type narrow-band FM exciter. FM operation with 50-kc. deviation on 10 meters may be obtained in a similar manner by feeding-in the output of a regular reactance-tube modulated exciter, operating between 3635 and 3702 kc. (safe center frequencies), and adjusting the deviation for 6.25 kilocycles at these frequencies. Both FM exciter units are small affairs, no more unwieldy than an external e.c.o. -30-





#### Establishing a Business

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banker and his advice is well worth heeding.

The legal structure of your business is another important aspect. There are certain advantages to be accrued from each type of organization and there are also legal obligations which must be met. It is important to know just what these are. Here again your banker can be of help, although the direct course would be to consult a lawyer to determine the legal requirements for a business of the type you wish to start. Briefly the forms of business are as follows:

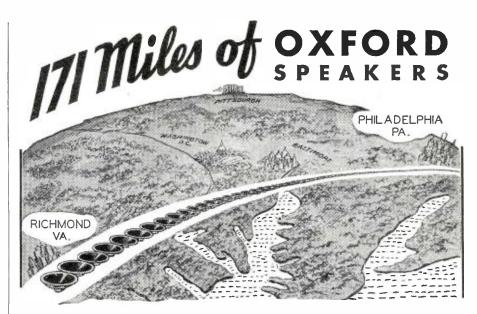
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- 2. Corporation.
- 3. Partnership.

In the individual proprietorship, a form which predominates among American enterprise, the advantages are that you will be the sole owner and exercise complete control; all decisions will be yours. Furthermore, it has the advantage of simplicity. However, the disadvantages are that all your property, personal as well as business, may be seized to satisfy your business creditors; you are working only on your own capital which must, in itself, be sufficient to carry you through the first year; and it is often difficult to procure outside capital support for this sort of organizational

On the other hand, the individual owners of a corporation are not responsible for the debts of the corporation over and above the amount invested. After a corporation charter is granted by the Secretary of State of one of the states, you turn over property or money capital to the corporation and in return get shares of stock. The stockholders receive remuneration in the form of dividends from the profits of the company. To a small corporation the high cost of incorporating, the increased taxes and the federal income tax against the dividends received by each shareholder often outweigh the advantages of a corporate structure.

The partnership is similar in structure to the individual ownership of a business except that two or more persons participate in the operation of the enterprise. A partnership has the advantage of combining the knowledge, capital, and skill of several persons, which sometimes is advantageous. A partnership, because of the legal responsibility requirements, may carry a better credit rating than an individual ownership. In a full partnership, any partner may act for the others and all of the partners are jointly liable for the debts of the business. This means that in case of bankruptcy the personal as well as business assets of all of the partners may be used to meet the liabilities.

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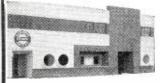
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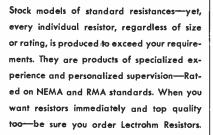
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#### **Buying and Selling**

Naturally one of the essentials in the successful operation of any retail store is the judgment used in buying merchandise. What to buy, how much, and at what particular time, are factors which make or break you in busi-

If you buy too little you may lose many potential customers who want prompt delivery and will not wait while you order the merchandise they are seeking. On the other hand over buying will result in slow turnover of stock with its unpleasant corollary, the freezing of working capital. The safest method to follow when starting your own business is to make your first order a small one and expand gradually as you get to know the needs of your customers.

A perceptive businessman will make a statistical study of consumer demand in his community. Definite facts and figures on income, rent, occupation, etc. can be obtained from the Department of Commerce in Washington and information about your particular locality may be secured from Trade Associations or the local Chamber of Commerce. If the community is well known to you a fairly accurate survey can be obtained by interviewing the local banker, plumbing contractors, who usually have access to homes, electric utility companies, or real estate agents. These sources can usually provide a fairly accurate estimate of buying power.

In any case your success will depend on your ability to adjust to your community. There is no universal rule that can be followed here. An example of an appliance chain that tried to apply the same methods of operation in two different localities proves this. A store in Rochester was fabulously successful for three years and in consequence opened a branch store in Buffalo. Cursory arrangements were made, using the identical methods of the successful Rochester store. A year and a half later the Buffalo store was insolvent because care had not been taken to investigate the family income and buying habits of this community.

Before stocking any appliances it would be well to gather a list of every known appliance and study their individual sales possibilities in the community in which you expect to settle.

Of course, the type of shop contemplated will determine the specific appliance and service parts to be carried. There are usually four basic types of stores.

- 1. Electrical appliance and radio —sales and service.
- 2. Radio Stores-sales and service.
- 3. Electrical appliance and radio repair shop-service only.
- 4. Radio repair shop service

For equipment needed in your service shop it would be a good idea to call on the service parts manager of your nearest wholesaler. This can save you an enormous amount of calculation as such a man will know exactly the material you will need because of his experience in handling orders for established concerns.

The amount of money you allow for this equipment should be carefully determined in advance to allow enough capital for other material such as store renovation, trucks and operating expenses. A good rule to follow is to allow 40% for merchandise. The distance away from your wholesaler must be considered. If he is located nearby it will not be necessary to stock up too greatly, merely enough for the floor display, as orders can be obtained within a few hours from him. This will lessen the capital requirement. If however, your orders have to be transported over a longer distance a larger supply of merchandise will have to be carried in stock. These are the minor points but the attention given to them can mean so much to business survival.

A prudent eye should be kept on the manufacturer's trend because new models will often appear, outmoding your stock on hand, a dangerous predicament for a newcomer in the field. This can be determined by scrutinizing the manufacturer's magazine advertising, and subscribing to trade journals which keep a tab on such developments.

Almost all appliances, according to a recent check up, have changed models during the months of January to March except table appliances such as toasters, irons, etc. and radios which appear in their new models from June to August.

As for the amount and proportion of items to be carried, this is another problem on which the community survey will give you a chance to make a fair estimate. The price range of the goods to be handled can also be judged from this survey.

In other words, you must gear your merchandise buying to the type of community in which you are doing business. It is obvious that if your shop is serving a community, or area of a city, where housing is of the "furnished" apartment type, it would be bad business to stock ranges, refrigerators and water heaters when such major appliances are furnished with the apartment. Don't depend on being able to sell these appliances to the manager of such a building as this type of block selling is usually handled on a wholesale basis.

Shipping routes to your community should be investigated so that the cheaper, faster, and more efficient routes can be specified. It will be your responsibility to file damage claims and not the shipper's.

Where to purchase your merchandise is another factor. There are only two sources, the wholesaler and the manufacturer and since most manufacturers will sell only through their branch stores there is little alternative. In any case it is less troublesome to buy from a local wholesaler who being a community businessman can give valuable help and establish credit arrangements to suit your needs where a manufacturer might not. It will pay to patronize these men.

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Though it is a good thing to stick with one wholesaler so that he will give you a break from time to time for your loyalty, personal adjustment again prevails. Be constantly on the lookout for better propositions and there will shortly be many, due to competition.

Herein are the essentials, the fundamentals which, if followed, will leave your chances for success based upon other items besides those which statistics reveal as the prime cause of fail--30-

### **Spot Radio News**

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graph and approximately 146,000 straight FM sets. . . . Whatever the year-end total, all indications are that this will be FM's first big year, and production trends thereafter are expected to be upward for some years to

ALL THIS NEWS was hailed with enthusiasm by all but the most sanguine FM broadcasters. Speaking for the FM Association, J. N. (Bill) Bailey. its executive director, hailed the RMA estimates as good news and the manufacturers' attitude as "cooperative." Bailey pointed out that RMA figures showed a monthly FM production increase of 28 per-cent per month for the last four. If this per-cent increase is maintained, a 1450 per-cent jump in the number of 1947 sets will be registered over 1946. Going one year farther, if the present ratio is maintained, he predicted that annual output in 1948 will be 5,100,000 FM receivers.

ABROAD, U.S. SALES would seem to look steadily better as the year progresses. Latest note of optimism is struck by the office of international trade of the Department of Commerce. which estimates that Latin American countries will purchase approximately \$17,000,000 worth of U.S. radio receivers this year. Greatest demand is expected to be in Brazil, Mexico, Chile and Cuba, with Brazil buying some 200,000 sets costing about \$6,000,000, Mexico 160,000, Chile 94,000, and Cuba 60,000. Mexico was the largest prewar buyer, with purchases of more than \$2,000,000 registered in 1941.

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RADIO NEWS

They pickup telecasts from Chicago's WBKB, with audiences watching while they sip drinks. Favorite programs are sports—early spring leaders were hockey and fights. Even more interest was shown during the late spring in baseball, bringing a boom market in customer interest, accompanied by an equally pleasant boom in drinking, tayern keepers report.

FROM THE AIR comes the latest in lightweight sets, an air-marine portable originally designed by Bendix Aviation Corporation for use in light planes, but also ideal for portable use at home or afloat. Weighing only nine pounds, it covers three bands, indicated on a slide-rule dial. It's good for weather reports, air and marine communications, regular broadcast entertainment, and can also be used for navigating on aviation range stations, marine radio beacons and broadcast stations.



### OK TELEPHONE RECORDERS

THE Federal Communications Commission recently adopted a report looking toward authorization of recording devices in connection with interstate and foreign message toll telephone service. Final orders have been postponed, however, pending a public engineering conference covering standards to cover these devices.

The Commission, in its report, found that there is a real and legitimate need for telephone recording devices; that their use does not impair the quality of telephone service; that parties to telephone conversations should have adequate notice that the same is being recorded; and that all such devices should be capable of being physically connected to and disconnected from the telephone line at the will of the

The report further states that adequate notice will be given by the use of an automatic tone warning device which would automatically produce a distinct signal that is repeated at regular intervals during the course of the telephone conversation when the recording device is in use. The report further directs that telephone companies and recorder manufacturers should undertake a publicity program designed to inform telephone users generally of the use of telephone recording devices and the import of the warning signal. The Commission further states that any publicity program should provide for the insertion of a full-page statement in telephone directories informing the telephone using public of the nature and use of recording devices and describing in detail the operation and significance of the tone warning signal. In addition, according to the Commission, the telephone companies should make available a special telephone number which when dialed or called would reproduce the warning sound.

The Commission further declared unlawful any tariff regulations now on file with it which bar the use of telephone recording devices, and the telephone companies are directed to file tariff regulations to cover their use.

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# NEW RECEIVERS for Summer Market

#### MODERN DESIGN RECEIVER

In keeping with the trend for "modern" design radio receivers, RCA Victor has just released a new table radio.



Model 66X3, which features a black and gold-tone, tiger-striped grille cloth.

The receiver incorporates standard broadcast and international shortwave reception. Housed in a hardwood cabinet and finished to simulate burl walnut veneer, the set is  $9\frac{\%}{4}$ " x  $15\frac{\%}{4}$ " x  $7\frac{\%}{4}$ ".

Operation is on either a.c. or d.c. An electrodynamic speaker, RCA Victor "Golden Throat" tone system, a built-in phono-jack for a record player, six tubes including rectifier and a built-in loop antenna for standard broadcast are additional features of this set.

The RCA Victor Division, Radio Corporation of America, Camden, New Jersey will supply added details on the Model 66X3.

#### COMBINATION CONSOLE

Release of its new Model 673 console type combination radio-phonograph has been announced by *Packard-Bell Company* of Los Angeles.

Housed in a compact cabinet which is available in both period and modern



design, the receiver is equipped with a 10" PM dynamic speaker which is located in the lower portion of the cabinet. Ample record storage space is provided on either side of the speaker

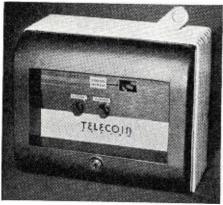
compartment. The instrument is a.c. powered and features a built-in low impedance antenna, crystal type low pressure pickup, continuous treble tone control, a.v.c., and a new "stationized" dial. The automatic record changer will handle ten 12" records or twelve 10" records.

Details on the Model 673 may be secured from *Packard-Bell Company*, P.O. Box 3219, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles 54, California.

### COIN RADIO

Telecoin Corporation has recently introduced a new coin radio for hotels, motor courts, and hospitals which incorporates several new features.

Engineered to protect owners from vandalism and tinkering, the *Telecoin* receiver has an 18 gauge steel case and chassis, set-back controls and



dial-face and baked enamel finish which will resist 180 proof alcohol and cigarette burns.

The chassis is rubber-cushioned and volume control is preset to prevent loud playing in hotels and hospitals. The five-tube set weighs 20 pounds and has over-all dimensions of 9" x 10" x 7½". The receiver operates on 110 volts, a.c.

Additional information on this receiver will be furnished by *Telecoin Corporation*, 12 East 44th Street, New York, New York.

### "AIRMARINE" PORTABLE

Designed for use in personal planes and on private boats, Bendix Radio Division of Bendix Aviation Corporation has recently announced the availability of its new "Airmarine" portable receiver.

This nine pound unit covers three bands which are clearly indicated on a slide-rule dial. It provides weather reports, air and marine communications reception and regular broadcast coverage and can also be used as an aid when navigating on aviation range stations, marine radio beacons, and broadcast stations.

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closed, even though the main switch is in contact position. The case measures  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" x  $12\frac{3}{4}$ ".

Two loop antennas are included inside the case for reception and direction finding while an external antenna connector is provided for reception of distance stations on all three bands.

Bendix Radio Division, Bendix Aviation Corporation, Baltimore 4, Maryland will supply additional information upon request.

### CHILD'S PHONOGRAPH

A specially designed children's console phonograph has been released by Herold Manufacturing Co. to round out its line of phonographs for the 'younger set."

Trade named the "Kiddie-Trola" this consolette is finished in maroon simu-



lated leatherette with painted ivory trim. It includes two spacious compartments for record album storage and the lid is rugged enough to seat an adult.

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#### PERSONAL RADIO

Electromatic Manufacturing Corporation has announced production of the "Rejuven-Air," their new portable radio. The new model is housed in a



smartly styled two-color leatherette carrying case. It weighs approximately eleven pounds and measures 101/2x 12½ x4½ inches.

Further information and prices may be obtained by writing to Electromatic Manufacturing Corporation, 88 University Place, New York 3, New York.

### TABLE COMBINATION

In announcing several models to the trade, Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corporation listed a new a.c. superheterodyne table radio-phonograph combination which incorporates all of the new Emerson features and includes a record changer capable of handling 10" and 12" records.

This table model is housed in a cab-



inet of mahogany veneers with a front panel slide-rule dial and control knobs.

Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corporation, 111 Eighth Avenue, New York 11, New York will supply further information on this receiver and others in the company's line upon request.

### THREE-WAY PORTABLE

A low-cost, compact three-way battery portable has been announced by John Meck Industries, Incorporated.

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### Transformer Design

(Continued from page 61)

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The size of wire to be used for each winding depends only on the magnitude of current flowing in the winding. It is necessary that the wire used be of sufficient cross section area to carry the current without overheating. Listed in the chart of Fig. 5 are the various commonly used wire sizes showing the maximum current-carrying capacity for each size. These values are suitable for good transformer design practice.

Voltage to be developed across each winding determines the number of turns of wire necessary in each winding. The number of turns will also depend on how much space is available in the core to accommodate the finished transformer coil. Because the flux density is determined by the number of turns in the primary in relation to the cross section core area, one could redesign a coil that was too large by reducing the number of turns and using the same size lamination but with more of them to make a larger core area. Thus, by using a larger core area, one could use fewer turns in the winding but still have a low flux density.

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12	9.5	.010*
13	7.5	.010*
14	6.0	.007"
15	4.8	.007*
16	3.7	.007*
17	3.0	.007*
18	2.5	.005*
19	2.0	.005*
20	1.6 1.2	.004"
21	1.2	.004
20 21 22 23	0.92	.004
23	0.73	.004*
24 25	0.58	.004*
25	0.46	.003*
26	0.37	.003*
27	0.29	.003*
28	0.23	.002*
29	0.20	.002*
30 31	0.15	.002*
31	0.11	.0015*
32	.090	.0015*
33	.072	.0015*
34.	.057	.001*
35	.045	.001
36	.036	.001*
37	.028	.001*
38	.023	.0008*
39	.018	.00087
40	.014	.8000

Fig. 5. Current carrying capacity of various sizes of enameled wire.

output to be delivered by the two secondaries.

For secondary No. 1, v.a.  $= 5 \times 2 =$ 

For secondary No. 2, v.a.  $= 6.3 \times 3 =$ 18.9.

Then total secondary v.a. = 10 +18.9 = 28.9.

The primary circuit v.a. is equal to about 1.4 times the total secondary v.a. or  $1.4 \times 28.9 = 40.5$ , approximately. If the primary v.a. is 40.5, then the primary current is equal to

> Primary v.a. 40.5 Primary voltage = 0.35 amperes

Now, since the current flowing in each winding is known, the proper wire sizes can be determined. Consulting Fig. 5 reveals that the primary wire size can be No. 26 to carry 0.35 ampere. It also shows that secondary No. 1 can be wound with No. 19 wire for 2 amperes and that secondary No. 2 can be wound with No. 17 wire for 3 amperes.

According to Fig. 2, the lamination size for a unit to deliver 28.9 v.a. is about 1" or 1%" iron so we'll try this design with 1%" square core. This means that we'll assume a 1%" thick stack of 1%" iron.

The next step is to determine the turns-per-volt required for our core area of  $1\frac{1}{6}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{6}$ " = 1.265 square inches. We find that the curve of Fig. 4 specifies that a core area of 1.265 square inches requires 5.5 turnsper-volt.

With 5.5 turns-per-volt, we must have 5.5 turns of wire for each volt appearing across each winding. Then the primary coil must have  $5.5 \times 115 =$ 

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633 turns of wire. In a like manner, the turns in each of the secondary windings is equal to the voltage of that winding times 5.5. But the open circuit, no load, secondary voltages, must be slightly higher than the values required when the transformer is loaded. Therefore, multiply the load voltage by 1.08 to get the required no load voltage. Then:

For secondary No. 1, we have 5.0 x 1.08 = 5.4 volts, approx., no load.

For secondary No. 2, we have 6.3~x1.08 = 6.8 volts, approx., no load.

The turns required for each secondary winding is then equal to the open circuit voltage times 5.5 turnsper-volt. Thus:

No. of turns for secondary No. 1 =  $5.4 \times 5.5 = 29.8 \text{ turns, approx.}$ 

No. of turns for secondary No. 2 = $6.8 \times 5.5 = 37.4 \text{ turns, approx.}$ 

This means that secondary No. 1 will have 30 turns and secondary No. 2 will have 38 turns because you must use full numbers of turns. A fraction of a turn is not effective. Using 30 turns and 38 turns at 5.5 turns per volt, the actual open circuit voltage will be:

For secondary No. 1, 30/5.5 = 5.45volts.

For secondary No. 2, 38/5.5 = 6.9

At this point let us tabulate our data.

Primary: 115 volts at 60 cycles. Lamination size =  $1\frac{1}{6}$ " iron. Lamination stack =  $1\frac{1}{6}$ ".

Core area =  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " = 1.265 sq.

Secondary No. 1: 5 volts at 2 amps. 30 turns of No. 19 wire.

Secondary No. 2: 6.3 volts at 3 amps. 38 turns of No. 17 wire.

A transformer coil is made up of enameled copper wire, paper insulation between the layers of wire, paper insulation between the separate wind-

Fig. 6. Breakdown voltage of various between-layer insulating materials.

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	Paper Type	Thick- ness	Voltage
	Cellulose Acetate	.020*	20,000
	Cellulose Acetate	.010*	10,000
	Cellulose Acetate	.007*	7000
	Cellulose Acetate	.003*	3000
	Cellulose Acetate	001	1000
	Varnished Cambric*	.005*	2700
I	Varnished Cambric*	.007	4000
ı	Varnished Cambric*	.010	7000
ı	Fibre Paper	.007	2000
ı	Fibre Paper	.010	3000
ı	Red Rope Paper	.005*	800
ı	Gummed Kraft Paper	.007	1000
Į	Gummed Kraft Paper		500
ı	Kraft Paper**	.003	300
1	Kraft Paper**	.004*	500
ı	Kraft Paper**	.005*	650
ł	Kraft Paper**	.010*	1000
1	Glassine Paper	.0004	200
ı	Glassine Paper	.0008	250
ı	Glassine Paper	.001	350
ı	Glassine Paper	.0015	450
	Glassine Paper	.002*	550
	Gummed Glassine		
	Paper	.002*	1000
ł	Oiled Silk	.003	2000
	*(Empire cloth).		
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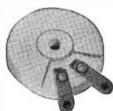
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3/4"	.040*	11/6"
1"	.050*	15/6"
11/8"	.050*	19/6"
11/4.	.060*	13%
11/2.	.075*	23/6"
2"	.100*\/	Depend
21/4"	.125	On Actual
3"		Dimension of Iron "D Dimension"

These tubes upon which coils are wound are made by winding required number of layers of gummed kraft paper over a form of proper dimensions.

Fig. 7. Thickness and length of coil tube required for various lamination sizes.

ings, gummed tape, lead wire, and the tube upon which the coil is wound. To select the proper insulating paper consult Fig. 5. Here we see that No. 26 wire requires paper between each layer of wire which is about .003" thick and that .005" or .007" thick paper is proper between individual layers of No. 17 and No. 19 wire.

To determine the amount of paper insulation to use between the separate windings, figure that it must withstand voltage equal to twice the voltage across the winding which produces the highest voltage output in the transformer and add 1000 volts to that value. In this transformer, the primary winding has the highest voltage which is 115 volts and so  $2 \times 115 =$ 230, plus 1000 = 1230 volts. Data on paper insulation shown in Fig. 6 reveals that two layers of .007" fibre or "empire cloth" will be sufficient between the separate windings.

The coil must be wound on a rigid coil form which can easily be made. At almost any "ten cent" store you can obtain brown gummed "kraft paper" in rolls of various widths. Fig. 7 shows the required thickness for a coil form to be used with each lamination size. Now, this coil form, or tube, must be of proper length so that the coil will fit into the space in the core. Fig. 7 indicates correct coil length (coil form length) for each different sized lamination. Here we see that 1%" iron will accommodate a coil form 1%16" long. The inside dimension of this tube must be slightly larger than the core and since the core is 1\%" x 1\%", we'll add \\%2" to each of these dimensions making the inside of our tube  $1\frac{1}{32}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{32}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{16}$ " long. The tube should be about .050" thick.

Strips of insulating paper to be used between the layers of wire and also to separate the various windings should be 1%6" wide and long enough to go around the coil and overlap about %".

Before winding the coil, it is necessary to calculate the size of the coil to determine if it will fit into the core. Fig. 8 shows how many turns of wire can be wound in one layer for coils used in cores of the different sizes. We see here that on 1\%" iron we can wind 71 turns of No. 26 wire. Therefore, since our primary has 633 turns it will



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have to be wound in  $633 \div 71 = 9$  layers. But it is possible with this iron size to wind 33 turns of No. 19 wire so only one layer is required for secondary No. 1. Two layers will be required for secondary No. 2.

Here let us add together all of the materials which, when they are wrapped one over the other, go together to make the total coil thickness. This data can be tabulated as follows:

Thi	ckness
of I	<b>Iaterial</b>
Material in	Inches
1. Winding tube	.050
2. Primary wire, 9 layers #26 wire	
(9 x.0168)	.151
3. Primary layer insulation (9 x.003)	.027
4. Primary wrapper (2 x.007)	.014
5. Secondary No. 1 wire, 1 layer #19	
wire (.0375)	.0375
6. Secondary No. 1 wrapper (2 x.007)	.014
7. Secondary No. 2 wire, 2 layers #17	
wire (2 x.0469)	.094
8. Secondary No. 2 layer insulation	
(1 x.007)	.007
9. Final coil wrapper (2 x.007)	.014
TOTAL	0.4085"

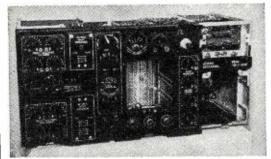
This figure, 0.4085", is the approximate thickness of the finished coil. Actually, the coil will be considerably larger. This is because when the wire and paper are being wound, they do not lie flat. Even with tight winding, the coil bows out slightly. For this reason, it is necessary to establish a maximum constant for coil size. The space into which this coil must fit in our  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " iron is 0.562" according to Fig. 1, dimension F. Our coil has theoretical thickness of 0.4085" which means that theoretically 73 per-cent of the available space is being used. This percentage is calculated thus:

$$\frac{0.4085}{0.562}$$
 x 100 = 73 per-cent

If this figure had exceeded 82 percent, we would have to redesign our coil to make it small enough to fit. This coil with 73 per-cent build is satisfactory and will fit. We could even use less than a 1%" stack of laminations, which would give us smaller core area and therefore require more turns of wire. With a smaller core area, we would have to refer to Fig. 4 to find the "turns-per-volt" required and then redesign the coil.

In a transformer of this type the primary is wound first. When starting to wind, enough of the No. 26 wire is allowed to protrude to function as one lead connection. After the primary has been wound with .003" paper between each layer of wire the end of the wire is anchored, as was the start lead, to be used as the other connection to the coil. Insulating sleeving is used over the end wires to provide insulation for the leads. Next, the .007" paper layers are placed over the primary and the first secondary is wound in similar manner. When the second secondary has been wound, a final over-all paper wrapper is placed around the finished coil. This wrapper can be two or three layers of the brown gummed paper. Remember, when inserting the paper layer insulation, to make the overlap on a side of

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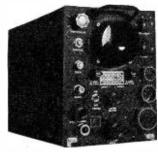
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Now, it is only necessary to assemble the coil and core together and the transformer is finished except for adding the required mounting brackets.

The design operations described above can be used to design any type of power transformer used in radio work.

In designing a plate transformer the size of wire to be used in the high voltage rectifier secondary is determined by the value of direct current which is to be drawn after rectification. (This applies to full-wave rectification. For half-wave rectification, use wire size twice as large.)

If a winding is to be put on in several layers and is to be center tapped, construction will be easier if you employ an even number of layers. This makes the center tap lead connection fall at one end of a layer.

Before winding a transformer you have designed, it would be a good idea to disassemble completely one or two power transformers to see more clearly the various details of construction. This is suggested because it is difficult to describe the various ways in which leads are brought out of a coil.

Remember to insulate well where all lead connections are made inside a coil. Also use insulation under end wires which are brought up along the sides of the coil to be soldered to leads at the top. Start- and finish-leads of the same winding must be insulated for each other, from other windings and from the turns in the same wind-

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Fig. 8. Number of turns of wire per layer that can be wound on various lamination sizes.

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SIZE	1/2 "	5/8 "	3/4"	7/a "	1.	1 1/4"	11/4"	11/2"
10				9	10	- 11	12	16
11				10	11	12	14	17
12		8	10	12	13	14	16	20
13	6	8	10	13	15	16	18	22
14	7	9	11	15	17	18	21	26
15	8	10	12	16	19	21	24	30
16	9	12	14	19	22	24	27	33
17	10	13	16	21	25	28	30	36
18	11	14	17	23	27	30	34	41
19	13	16	20	25	30	33	37	45
20	14	17	22	28	33	37	42	51
21	16	20	25	31	38	41	46	57
22	17	23	29	35	42	46	51	62
23	19	26	31	39	45	50	56	68
24	22	29	34	45	52	58	64	79
25	25	34	41	50	57	62	71	88
26	27	37	45	57	65	71	81	102
27	31	42	49	63	73	81	93	114
28	36	47	57	71	84	93	107	132
29	39	51	63	80	94	103	119	145
30	44	58	70	88	107	117	133	161
31	52	66	80	100	121	132	147	183
32	60	73	88	110	130	144	163	206
33	70	85	100	125	146	163	186	232
34	78	95	113	138	163	181	205	250
35	90	112	132	160	188	211	238	293
36	99	122	142	173	211	234	264	336
37	110	134	161	194	233	260	292	365
38	122	149	176	215	257	286	325	
39	138	165	203	252	281	316	362	
40	160	193	247	284	338	371	422	

The number of turns of wire per layer shown above allows proper margin at each end of the coil. To find number of turns per layer for any size iron, first decide on coil length, then, subtract about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to allow for margins. This gives space remaining for winding. Divide this space by the diameter of wire to get number of turns per layer.

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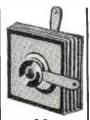
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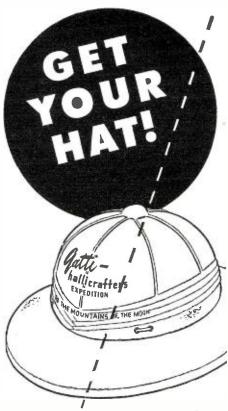
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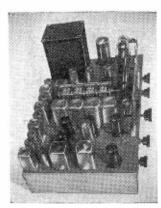
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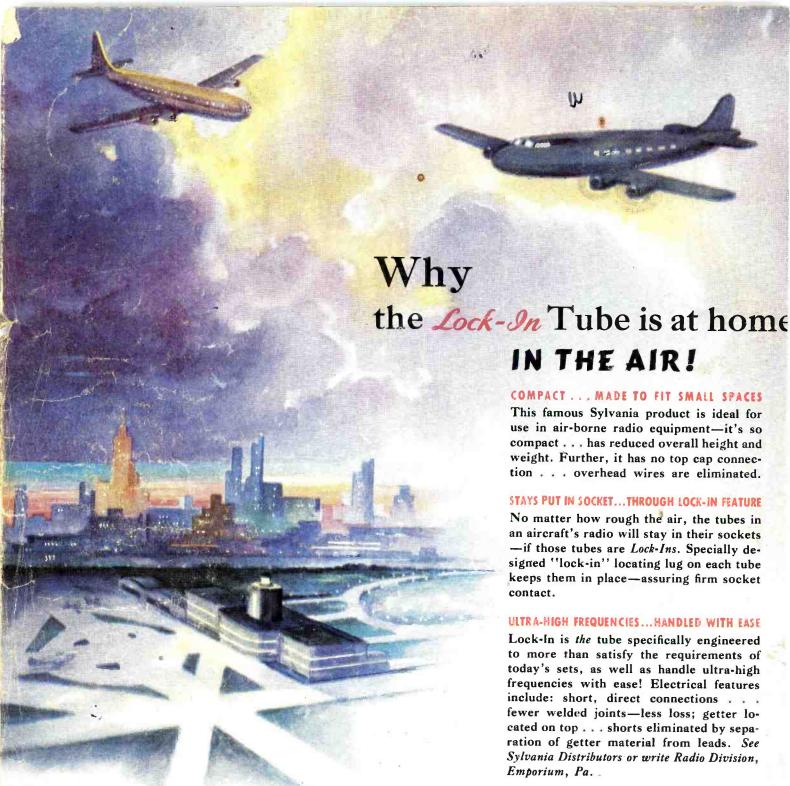


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